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Successful Operation

New York, Dec. 19.—General Li Tsung-jen, the Chinese Nationalist Acting President, underwent an operation for stomach ulcers at the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Centre here today. Officials stated that his condition was excellent.

General Li's wife, secretary and military aides were at the hospital when he was taken to the operating theatre. They remained until he was returning to his room.

The Acting President arrived here by plane on December 7. He said then that he hoped to return to China to continue the "fight against the Communist forces of aggression."

—Reuter.

8 Die In Plane Crash

Paris, Dec. 19.—Mr Foster White, 81-year-old industrialist of Hartford, Connecticut, was one of eight people who died last night when a Belgian Sabena DC3 crashed on the outskirts of Paris.

The eight-four passengers and four crew members were killed instantly when the plane plunged into a house, exploded and burst into flames.

Two of the passengers were Belgian, the other an Egyptian. Airfield officials believe that the plane, which was on the regular Paris-Brussels run, lost speed after taking off, touched a tree and the roof of a house and crashed into another house.

INQUIRY TO BE HELD

The late Mr White, who was field representative of the United Aircraft Service, was well-known in European air circles. He was married.

An inquiry was opening here today into the crash.

Guards had stood round the scene of the crash all night. Police and air officials watched while the bodies were laid out for identification.

The plane plunged into a two-story building. A 74-year-old handy man was standing by a window in the dining room when the plane hit the house.

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EDITORIAL

Industrialised Hongkong

MORE than 150,000 people have attended the Chinese Products Exhibition in Kowloon since it was opened last Thursday afternoon—a nice compliment to the attractiveness and general excellence of the fair; a worthy reward, also, for the enterprise and skill of the Hongkong Chinese manufacturers whose faith in their ability to compete with the world in many "lines" hitherto considered to be exclusively Western for quality and ingenuity, is unbounded. The claim that this year's exhibition is far and away superior to that of 1948 is undisputed; the goods on display reveal a praiseworthy advance in quality and finish, whilst much more imagination has been shown in presenting them to the public eye. The exhibition deserves to be a rousing success and can hardly fail to be so. But while local reaction is important, the real purpose is to convince overseas buyers how well, and relatively how cheaply, Hongkong can manufacture essentials as well as luxury goods—more especially those commodities which have to compete with products obtainable in other countries whose manufacturing prestige has long been established. In this respect, three types of manufactures take the limelight—cotton fabrics, enamel ware and mechanical toys. Cotton weaving has become a major post-war industry in Hongkong and represents the greatest single industrial development of the Colony since 1945. And it is to the credit of those responsible for the creation of this industry in such a big way that they have gone in for thoroughly modern plant and have provided their workers with the best possible conditions. These are two prime reasons why Hongkong can, today, produce finished cotton articles equal in quality to the same article turned out in

more highly industrialised countries, and at competitive prices. Striking too, at this exhibition are the wide ranges of excellent enamel ware and the highly ingenious and novel mechanical toys. Here again our local manufacturers have made tremendous strides, and it is fair to say that only prohibitive import restrictions can fail to find for them ready and generous overseas markets. This was a pertinent point made by Mr E. G. A. Grimwood in his broadcast last Saturday. There were plenty of admirers at last year's BIF of Hongkong's products, but owing to the ruling import restrictions, there was little opportunity for our manufacturers to turn this to profitable account. The removal of many of the import controls since then should facilitate the efforts of our manufacturers and exporters to break into a ready and willing market. Eventually, however, the acid test will be whether Hongkong can produce manufactured commodities that can capture gold dollar trade. Producing costs can probably be kept within the competitive sphere, but it is fairly obvious that our present quality, good though it be, will need to show further improvement before the goods will become acceptable to a public accustomed to the standard of workmanship in the Western hemisphere. The Colony's industrial potentialities have only just begun to be explored. A big future presents itself, carrying with it a challenge to the ingenuity and solid faith of our Chinese manufacturers. The manner in which they have so far accepted this challenge excites general admiration; these men also merit the confidence of Hongkong that they will, eventually, help to make the Colony one of the most important industrial cities in the Far East.

Mao-Stalin Alliance Treaty Expected

Washington, Dec. 19.—Top American officials tonight said they momentarily await news from Moscow that the Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, and the Soviet Premier, Josef Stalin, have concluded a mutual aid agreement which would replace the treaty of friendship and alliance which the Russian leaders signed in August of 1945 with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist China.

While refusing to disclose positively whether they had received any direct word from Moscow on this subject, State Department officials made it plain that they had no doubt that a Sino-Soviet pact would result from the current meeting.

American officials tried to discount rumours current in the United States during the past weekend that Mao was in Moscow principally to express his concern over Soviet infiltration into the industrially rich province of Manchuria.

SEEKS BACKING

They thought that any Sino-Soviet agreement on this point was many months in the offing. The official assessment here was that Mao had gone to Moscow to determine just how much Soviet backing he could count on in solving a multitude of economic problems which have been encountered since the Communists overran most of China.

Based on their evaluation on the pattern evolved in Eastern Europe, officials here thought that the Soviet Union would promise China all manner of economic aid, assure Mao that it had no designs on any Chinese territory and exhort him to continue the "people's revolution" in Asia.

As for Mao, it was felt here that he had gone to Moscow when he decided that any immediate chances of securing assistance from Western nations had gone. It was pointed out that his only friends outside the Communist bloc so far appeared to be Burma, which itself is in a state of anarchy, and possibly India, which has not even enough industrial goods for itself.

The consensus of American officials was that Mao, faced with this situation, had decided that he has nothing to get from Western nations within

the next two years and therefore must make his approach to Moscow.

The expectation here is that the Soviet Union, once it has concluded a pact with Communist China, will use what is left of the Manchurian industrial establishment in an attempt to alleviate China's acute shortage of industrial equipment and supplies.

However, State Department officials believe that unless Russia has more tricks in her bag than this, she eventually is doomed to failure in this newest experiment. It is this upshot which the United States government is counting.—United Press.

Hashish Found Aboard Ship

Alexandria, Dec. 19.—The Belgian ship Seneal, 1,837 tons, has been held here and three of her crew detained following the discovery of 130 kilograms of hashish on board her when she arrived here from Beirut.

The find was valued at £13,000.

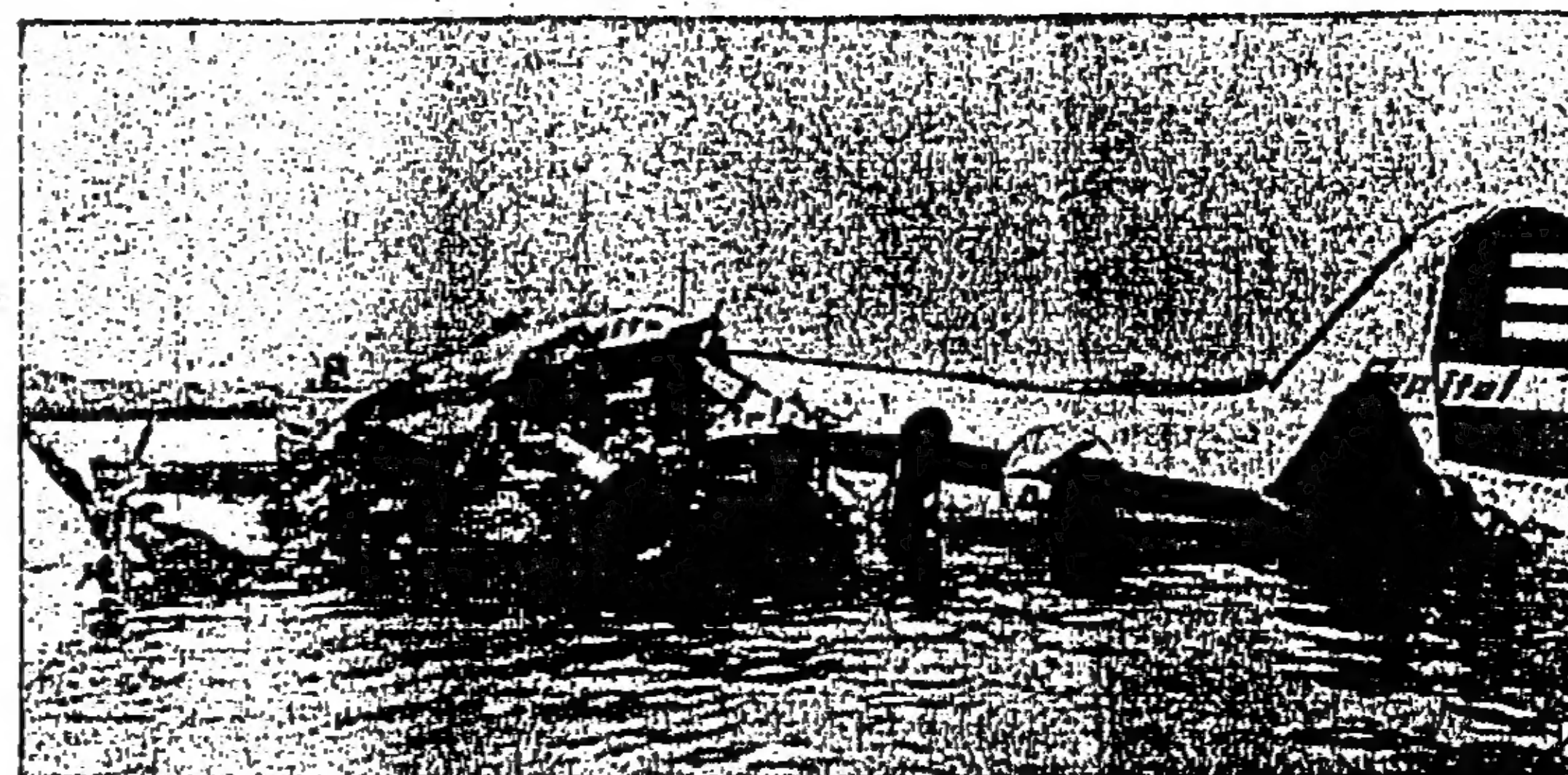
Acting on secret information, the police boarded the vessel when she docked yesterday and found the drug hidden in rubber tyres.

A representative of the Belgian Consulate was present at the enquiry.

The captain and all members of the crew professed complete ignorance of the hashish but an engineer and two of his assistants were detained.

The agent of the ship here said that the vessel was scheduled to remain in the harbour for four or five days while loading general cargo for Antwerp.—Reuter.

Fog Brought This About



COUP IN SYRIA

Temporary Solution Reached

London, Dec. 19.—Reports from Damascus tonight said that the army and the new President of Syria, Hashem Atassi Pasha, had reached a "temporary solution" and under this the deposed President Sami Hinnawi had been released and pensioned.

The reports also said that Colonel Anwar al-Mahdawi had been named Commander of the Syrian Army.

Tonight's session of the Syrian Constituent Assembly was adjourned until Thursday owing to the indisposition of the new President, Hashem Atassi Pasha.

The session was to have been devoted to the swearing in of the new President.

While the coup d'etat was being carried out in Damascus, Syrian officers turned up as usual near the Israeli frontier to discuss with Israeli officers current problems of the Mixed Armistice Commission.

FRIENDLY CHAT

The Commission met on the Syrian side at Jisr Banat Yassir and chatted in a friendly manner about the Damascus events.

The Syrians promised to turn up on January 9 on the Israeli side to continue discussions.

The influential French Conservative evening newspaper Le Monde asked today whether the latest coup d'etat in Syria resulted from a third attempt to seize power by supporters of the Greater Syrian Plan.

At first sight the possibility was not excluded, Le Monde said.

However that might be Syria had suffered only too much from these successive coups de force. The Syrian people had not ceased to prove each time it had a chance to speak its attachment to the Republican form of government and, above all, its desire for independence from foreign powers if the union of the Arab peoples continues to be the watchword of the ancient capital of the Omayyad Caliphs.

This union must come out of freely conducted negotiations and not as certain neighbours of Syria obstinately believed from the periodic overthrow of Damascus institutions.—Reuter.

PAA TO SEEK GUIDANCE

New York, December 19.—The Pan-American Airlines Headquarters said tonight that it intended to seek the guidance of the United States government in regard to its interests in the China National Aviation Corporation.

A spokesman said the Pan-American, which owns 20 per cent of the CNAAC, was surprised at reports that the Nationalist Government had sold the airline to Major General Claire Chennault and Whiting Willauer, since the agreement with the Pan-American forbids the sale to a third party.

The spokesman said the statement was made as a result of queries growing out of news stories of the sale by the Nationalist government of its 80 per cent interest in the line.—United Press.

Protest Against Delay Of Peking Recognition

Assurances Given To Commercial Interests

London, Dec. 19.—British commercial interests with £200 million at stake in China, on Monday lodged a strong protest with the British government for delaying the announcement of British de jure recognition of the Chinese Communist regime.

The secretary of a representative body of big British business firms in China called at the Foreign Office on Monday. It is understood that he received assurances to the effect that the British Government had decided in principle to recognise the Peking government and that the date of the announcement has been left to the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin.

Business concerns privately expressed the opinion that the announcement would be made before the end of this year, and most probably before Mr Bevin leaves London on December 27 for the Colombo Commonwealth Foreign Ministers conference.

A spokesman of the China Association estimated British investment in China at between £170—£200 million.

Official sources said that the announcement of recognition was held up first because it was hoped it would be possible to reach agreement on the form and time with the United States, and then because it was considered desirable to assess the policies of the new governments in Australia and New Zealand. It was understood that there had been party divergence of view so far, but authoritative American sources deprecated reports that the U.S. was occasioning delay of the British recognition by injecting technicalities regarding Formosa.

The consensus of all available informed opinion was that the announcement will come before the end of the year and probably before Mr Bevin leaves London on December 27. All official comment confirmed that the British have carefully examined the question in all its aspects, and are convinced that the advantages of recognition outweigh the disadvantages.—United Press.

CALLS ON BEVIN

London, December 19.—The Nationalist Chinese Ambassador, Chen Tien-hai, called on Foreign Secretary Mr Ernest Bevin at the Foreign Office, while Dr C. Y. Cheng, Embassy Counsellor, called at the United States Embassy today. It was understood that their visits were in connection with the Chinese Nationalist Government's proclaimed intention of mining Communist-held ports on the China coast.

Informed sources said, however, that the Ambassador

Five Children Trapped In Blazing Room

Emmett, Michigan, Dec. 19.—Five children trapped in their upstairs bedroom burned to death today when fire roared through a two-story wooden frame farmhouse near Emmett, Michigan.

Their parents, Mr and Mrs Clarence Bethway escaped with five of their 11 children and Mr Bethway's 90-year-old mother through windows in the lower part of the house.

One girl escaped because she was spending the night with her maternal grand-parents. Three of her brothers and two of her sisters lost their lives.

The police said that the fire apparently started from a heating stove.—Reuter.

Wreckage of a Capital Airliner — the forward section badly crushed and the tail half intact—rests in a shallow water of the Potomac river, Washington, D.C. The plane was making a blind landing approach to National airport when it crashed in a dense fog. Four of 23 persons aboard were killed.—AP Picture.

Bao Dai To Take Power

Dec. 30 Set As Date

Saigon, Dec. 19.—The Vietnam Government of the former Emperor of Annam, Bao Dai, will on December 30 formally take over power in French Indo-China—along whose north-eastern border Chinese Communist troops are now reported to be grouped.

The Joint Franco-Vietnam Commission announced the transfer here today, according to Agence France Presse.

The Commission had been working out transfer details under the March 8 agreement, whereby France recognised the independence of Vietnam within the French Union.

Agence France Presse had reported earlier that several thousand Chinese Communists, pursuing retreating Nationalists, had taken up positions on the frontier 60 miles from Hanoi.

ATTACKS REPULSED

The French agency added that some 2,000 Nationalists had crossed into Indo-China in the past few days to be disarmed quietly and interned.

Inside Indo-China, it was officially announced that a French post at Phou, 180 miles north-west of Hanoi, had successfully beaten off 11 successive attacks by Viet Minh (Annamite Nationalist insurgent) forces.

The Viet Minh force, about three battalions strong and armed with mortars and automatic weapons, fired several hundred shells into the post before the French, with air support, forced them to withdraw.

French troops, attacking another Viet Minh base at Tan Uyen, 22 miles north of Saigon, destroyed an arms factory and captured several modern radio transmitters.

France today shipped 600 Foreign Legionnaires from Algeria to Indo-China.

The move was described officially in Paris as "the relief of forces whose overseas service had expired."—Reuter.

SHIPPING COYS SAVE WATER

READY RESPONSE TO APPEAL

There has been a very good response by the shipping companies in the Colony to the appeal by the Director of Marine made early this month requesting vessels calling at Hongkong to exercise care in taking in water supplies.

The Water authority this morning said that since the request had been circulated the quantity of water required by ships and vessels of all kinds had been reduced by as much as a third of the normal supply. If this reduction was maintained, there would be no necessity to impose any restrictions.

The Director of Marine this morning said that some of the shipping companies had greatly reduced their water intake while many others had instructed their vessels to refill their tanks in other ports. He added that the shipping companies had been very co-operative with the authority to save as much water as possible.

At random, our reporter interviewed two large shipping companies and both indicated their willingness to respond to the appeal. The American President Lines, Ltd., which have an average of 10 large vessels calling at Hongkong in a month, have informed their head office in San Francisco and their office in Manila regarding the critical water situation in the Colony and had instructed their offices to direct their ships to take on water from other ports as much as possible.

The Royal Intercolonial Lines, which are the agents of many ship-pling concerns and have as many as 20 vessels calling at Hongkong, have already circulated all their captains to adopt a similar step in order to co-operate with the Hongkong authority.

Slain By Giant Jelly Fish

Melbourne, Dec. 19.—A giant jelly fish stung a 10-year-old boy to death on a north Queensland beach today. The father, desperately trying to fight off the fish, was unable to chase it away in time.

The young victim, Brian Andrew McNamara, died in agony after the giant jelly fish wrapped itself around his legs and body on North Mission Beach, 77 miles from Tully. After his father had hit and kicked it, the fish slid away and escaped out to sea.—Associated Press.

U.S., Britain & Canada To Standardise Military Equipment & Training

London, Dec. 19.—The United States, Britain and Canada today jointly announced their agreement on plans for future standardisation of military equipment and training methods. The new arrangements were announced simultaneously in Washington, London and Ottawa.

Informed sources in London said the agreement was essentially a long-term project. They said there was no intention of scrapping equipment in use or ceasing immediate production of any particular equipment. They added that the idea was to eliminate incidental difficulties which might impede the co-operation of ground, sea and air forces in case of war.

Under the agreement, the military committees of the three countries will carry on constant consultations to ensure uniformity among them. Their studies, the announcement said, will be aimed at gradual development of common designs and standards in equipment and training methods.

"These arrangements will insure that in time of necessity there will be no material or technical obstacles to full co-operation among the armed forces, and the greatest possible economy in its combined resources and efforts will be obtained."

The announcement also said the three-power agreement was aimed at "furthering the wider arrangements under the North Atlantic production and supply board which call for

promotion of standardisation of parts and end products of military equipment in the North Atlantic Area."

Informed sources said no high-level committee would be appointed and there would be no direct contact between the respective services concerned. But they said that, when development was introduced, primary consultations would be called to remove any possible future sources of difficulties. Where possible, the informants reported, blueprints will be standardised to make production of equipment interchangeable.

Arrangements have been under discussion for two years. They were reported to be envisaged as a possible model for future extension of military collaboration to all Atlantic Pact countries.—United Press.

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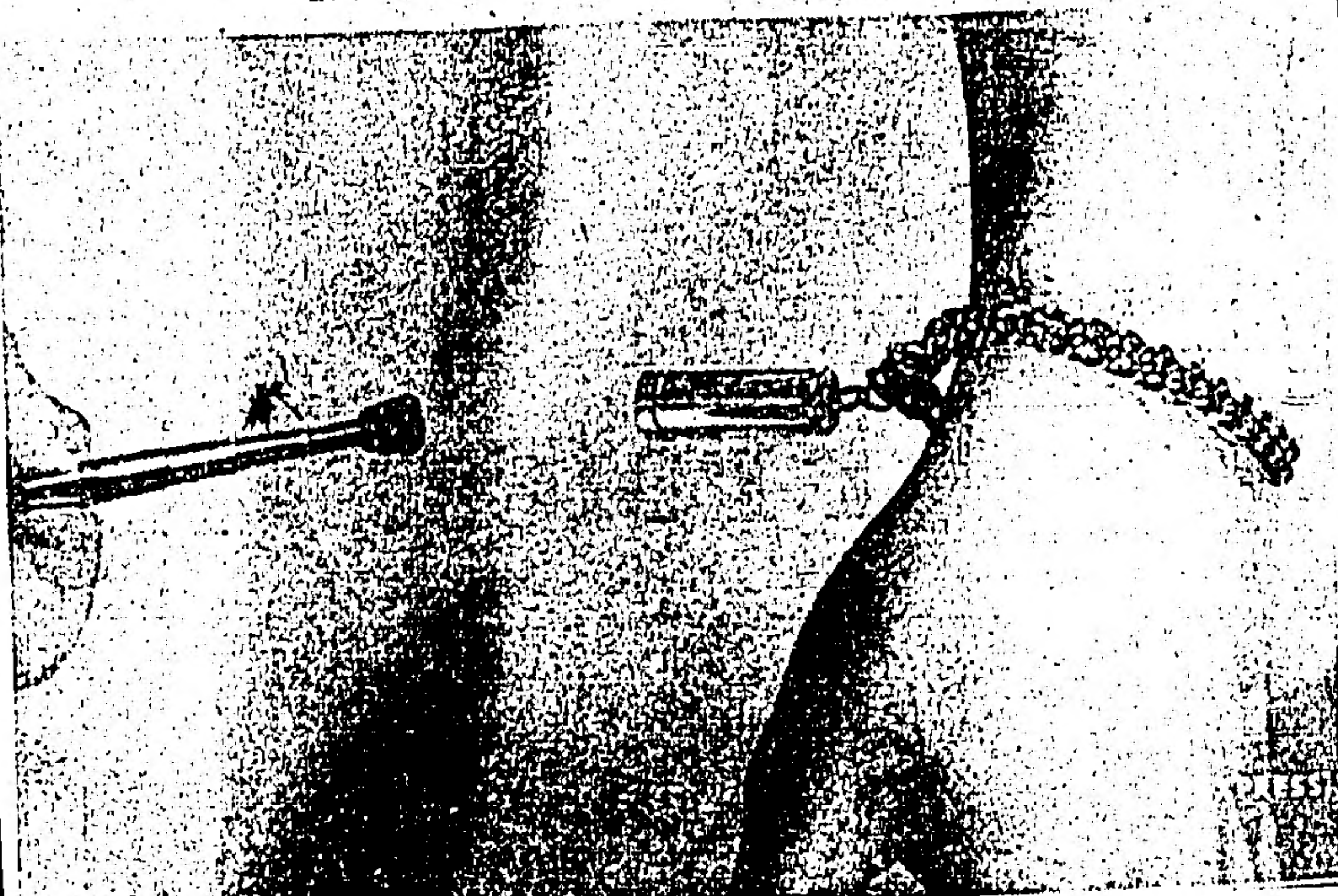
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WOMANSENSE

A Christmas Idea



Christmas idea from London:
zill bracelet with a tiny
capsule attached. Inside is a
ladies' collapsible cigarette
holder.

Tips On Cleaning A Stove

By ELEANOR ROSS

TIME to get after the stove,
whether gas or electric, and
have it in gleaming, apple-pie
condition for its big season.
Electric ranges finished in syn-
thetic enamel or porcelain
enamel require a good washing
with warm soapy water, but
when the range is cool.
If any food has been spilled
on closed units, and has not
been wiped off, remove it with
an open unit must be burned
off and is best removed by char-
ing during a regular cooking
session. Never use a stiff brush
or sharp instrument because of
the danger of injury to the
heating coils.

Oven Shelf

Now is the time to replace
fading or only partly function-
ing heating elements. The oven
shelf supports and the heat
distributor, if they are of the
removable type, should be taken
out and washed well with soap
and water. If there are any
spilled food stains remove with
a mild abrasive.
Give the range surfaces a
good going over with warm
soapy water. Don't use cleaning
powders for they might scratch
the porcelain enamel and the
chromium used sometimes for
trimmings and oven linings.
Take out racks, rack guides and
oven bottom for a good washing.
Obstinate spots should yield to
baking soda or kerosene. Re-
move burners, brush off all dust
and food particles, and clean
the air shutter.

Proper Job

For a proper job, boil the
burners in a solution of one
tbsp. of soda to 3 quarts of
water. But don't do this for
aluminum burners, since alumi-
num tends to darken aluminum.
Wash well in warm soapy
water and then rinse in clear
hot water. Before replacing
dry the burners upside down in
a warm oven. Clean the pilot
valve very carefully with a
piece of wire. Rough handling
is likely to damage it.
If a bad food spill-over on
the oven bottom has been
overlooked, and does not come
away readily with soap and
water, place a piece of old
towel or cheesecloth damp-
ened with household ammonia,
over the bottom plate. If the
cloth is left until dry the burned
out material usually loosens and
is then readily removed by
washing. If one of the burners
is not working properly, now
is the time to have it adjusted.
Unless a stove functions per-
fectly much of the effort and
expense put into meals is
wasted.

Tips On Buying New Playthings

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

IS a stuffed bear or cat almost
as big as the youngster
who plays with it a very
superior toy because of its size?
Is it as valuable as five or more
smaller toys whose aggregate
cost would be no greater than
the cost of this big one? Is it
any more valuable than a bear
or cat a fifth as large?

Is a very large toy car or truck
five times as valuable for a toy
as a car or truck costing a fifth
as much, in case both are equally
sturdy? Do very large blocks
for home toys have five times
the value for playthings as
blocks a fifth as large?
Much may be said for very
large blocks for a large kinder-
garten room where children can
build a house big enough to
enter and to walk about inside
with ease. Hollow blocks are
often made for this purpose,
though large blocks afford more
muscular exercise and ex-
perience at lifting.

Large Toys

A few very large toys on
which children can ride and in
which they can haul things seem
to be very good for the kinder-
garten. Also there should be
many smaller blocks and things
to move about, manipulate and
build with, like spoons and
dominoes and checker men, even
some small toy cars and trucks.
Children using these smaller
things at school or home at
creative play seem more inclined
to employ their imagination. Per-
haps the nearer to life size a
plaything is the less it stimulates
the imagination, as a rule.

Kindergartens which can't
afford the very large blocks and
wheel toys need not be too much
discouraged. A few very large
blocks can be homemade and

In the large separate playroom
at school there might well be
some very large blocks and other
playthings. But an only child
won't play alone long in such
a room. The average youngster
wants to use his playthings
where he can use them in sight
or hearing of his mother. In the
second place, very few parents
can afford many large blocks
such as one might see in a
modern kindergarten or a
separate playroom or even the
space in regular rooms for many
very large playthings. One set
of blocks whose greatest dimen-
sions don't exceed eight or ten
inches usually will suffice. But
there need be many much
smaller blocks and playthings
also. Therefore, the mother
who can't afford to imitate the
modern kindergarten for equip-
ment need not worry.

Satisfaction

After the child is six or seven
he may, indoors, enjoy long
periods of creative fun with
domino blocks and cars and
trucks to push about imagin-
atively, no larger than those
supposed to appeal only to the
three-year-old. Even the girl at
eight or ten who may like to
have a doll a few feet long that
she can dress may also derive
no end of happiness with a
variety of dolls much smaller
and less expensive.

Of course, for outdoor fun a
wagon, cart or truck big enough
to haul sizable loads are very
desirable playthings. But the
very huge stuffed animal can
hardly be to the child of four or
eight in proportion to its cost
and required space. It's doubt-
ful whether the child handling
a number of these huge toys
can gain the satisfaction of
superiority over them which he
can gain from smaller play-
things.

OLD HOUSE MADE NEW

AN old mahogany can now be
transformed into a hand-
some chest, gray, with a
painted heart and flowers.
Decorations in coral and blue.
Wardrobe chairs have been
transformed into glamour
pieces by a coat of glossy
paint and a painted decoration
of Norwegian motifs of flowers
and birds in gay colours.

The walls of the four-and-a-
half-room layout can be re-
painted. In the living room the
colour is picked up by a green
and brown upholstered lounge
chair, a plain coloured rug
and draperies hung on a rod to
carry out the colour theme.

Master Bedroom

The master bedroom is a
really handsome affair and
would be a credit to the finest
apartment. Old pieces were
bleached, sanded and rubbed
down, then lacquered white
with an antique finish. Bed-
spread, draperies and vanity
set were handmade out of
chintz, gray with apricot
coloured floral design.

Feats of magic were worked
on such items as an old copper
coffee urn which, under tender
ministrations, became a hand-
some lamp, while a wood salt
box is now a handsome plant
container.

Fine ceramics, a hand woven
Oriental style rug, the floral
decorations on the furniture,
decorated "metal" trays and
scented bowls, screened and
design motifs for curtains and
furniture. In the boy's room,
the beautiful ceramics in the
living room can be painted by
yourself.

THIS WEEK'S GADGET



This gadget is just what
is wanted for a tin of
evaporated milk or fruit or
tomato juice. It is a odour-
less and non-corrosive.
After being withdrawn
from an emptied tin, it can
be used over and over again
for new ones.

London Express Service

GLAMOUR IS NOT ALL

By PATRICIA CLARY

Hollywood.
JACQUELINE Dalya, who has
the big brown eyes of
Gene Tierney and the volup-
tuousness of Maria Montez, says
a girl can't rely on glamour
alone. So she has a job selling
brake linings.

Miss Dalya still plays the
sultry, come-hither siren of
movies. And as insurance
against the day when nobody
wants to see her pictures, she's
sales manager of a California
auto parts manufacturing com-
pany with a staff of 20 working
for her.

"I've pushed sales up 22 per-
cent in the last four months,"
Miss Dalya said, releasing Vic-
tor Mature from a movie em-
brace. "I believe we can in-
crease business by two percent
a month for the rest of the
year."

She Gets Mature

"I gave up pictures for
several months to attend
strictly to business. Then I
suggested to the president that
I'd just be sales manager be-
tween pictures. He said I'd
been doing so well that he
didn't mind at all."

"What more can a girl ask
for? I have Vic Mature and a
business on the side."

Miss Dalya gets Mature—
when Betty Grable isn't looking
—in 20th Century-Fox's "Wa-
sh Avenue." Her first movie
was with Mature, too. It was
called "One Million B.C."

"We played a cavewoman and
cavewoman," she said. "He
didn't recognise me with clothes
on."

Miss Dalya knows a lot about
business. Before she decided to
be an actress, she worked in
department stores.

"I saw the world from de-
partment stores," she said. "I
worked in nine different coun-
tries. Learned the language, and
got paid for it."

Unreliable Commodity

She takes a businesslike ap-
proach, she said, to sell brake
linings and clutches.

"I dress like a business wo-
man," she said. "In a tailored
suit. None of this plunging
neckline business. You don't
want brake linings by having
men stare at you. You sell by
having them listen to you."

Glamour is a pretty unre-
liable commodity anyway Miss
Dalya believes.

"It's all right," she shrugged,
"but there's a lot on the mar-
ket, and it's going to fade in
time. I think every girl should
marry, first of all, have chil-
dren, and then get into a busi-
ness that will secure her future
no matter what happens."

Just in case both Miss Dalya's
glamour and her brake linings
fail her, she has a third ace up
her sleeve. She writes popular
songs, and two of them are now
on the market.—United Press.

From A Royal Designer



By ALICE AIDEN

It takes a master hand to produce the really fine ball gown,
one of distinctive outline and devoid of ostentation. Norman
Marshall of London, designer of beautiful ball gowns for Queen
Elizabeth and the two princesses, fashions this gala gown of
dove grey satin. A ribbon collar develops into two large pockets
below the waist, and is embroidered in grey pearls in a Broderie
Anglaise design. With it are worn matching grey satin gloves.

Shopping for a New Dress



You'll never go wrong, says Screen Star Adele Jergens, if you choose a
basic dress and wear pretty jewelry with it.

By HELEN FOLLETT

CLOTHES may not make the
man, but they certainly
have plenty to do with making
that woman in the looking glass
appear attractive or otherwise.
Some girls fancy that if they
had plenty of money they could
be as simple as that. Smart attire
is the result of a combination
of gifts — good taste, an ap-
preciation of beautiful colours
and graceful lines, an under-
standing of suitability. One's
type must be taken into con-
sideration.

It will not do to have fixed
ideas. The woman who reverts
new offerings looks pretty much
the same year after year. She
is usually given to the practice
of "selecting" dress colours — that
accident her drag personality.
Let an expert dressmaker take
her in hand and she'll lose off
ten years, come out fresh and
blooming.

Clothes should look as if they
belong, as if there is a friendly
bond between them and the
wearer. This pleasant state of
affairs will not exist if the frock
is too large or too snug, if it
even slimmer.

Many details must be given
thought, the correct length of
the skirt, the neck line, the
effect upon the complexion and
the figure. The woman who
does a little full thinking on
the subject of sartorial trap-
pings will know intuitively
what is best for her. She never
makes a mistake.
The poor dear of "uncertain
age" must remember that, when
she tries to look too young, she
will look older than her years.

Christmas Dinner In Ireland

IN Ireland, as in every Christian
country, the Christmas din-
ner is the occasion for a family
gathering. Rooms are decorated
with branches of holly tucked
behind pictures and arranged in
vases. No garlands are used,
and many a wreath on the door
— it would bring bad luck. The
children believe implicitly in
Santa Claus, and on Christmas
Eve they hang up their stock-
ings. Bulky gifts which can't
be stuffed in, are hidden in their
sleeping rooms. At sun-up next
morning, they are eagerly ex-
ploring the stockings and hunt-
ing merrily for their other gifts.
The grown-ups don't mind being
waked up. It is the custom
in Irish homes for families to
attend early Christmas mass. All
Protestants go to church at
eleven in the morning. Attend-
ance at midnight mass on
Christmas Eve is sparse, for
there is little night life in any
kind in Ireland. However, after
dinner at four or five o'clock
everyone attends vespers. Christ-
mas Day itself is the focus of
the celebration, which is the
every respect a modest, dignified
and sincere tribute to the
Nativity.

A big cake or some article
for the house might be given to
a married couple; toys, useful
garments or home-made sweets
to the children.

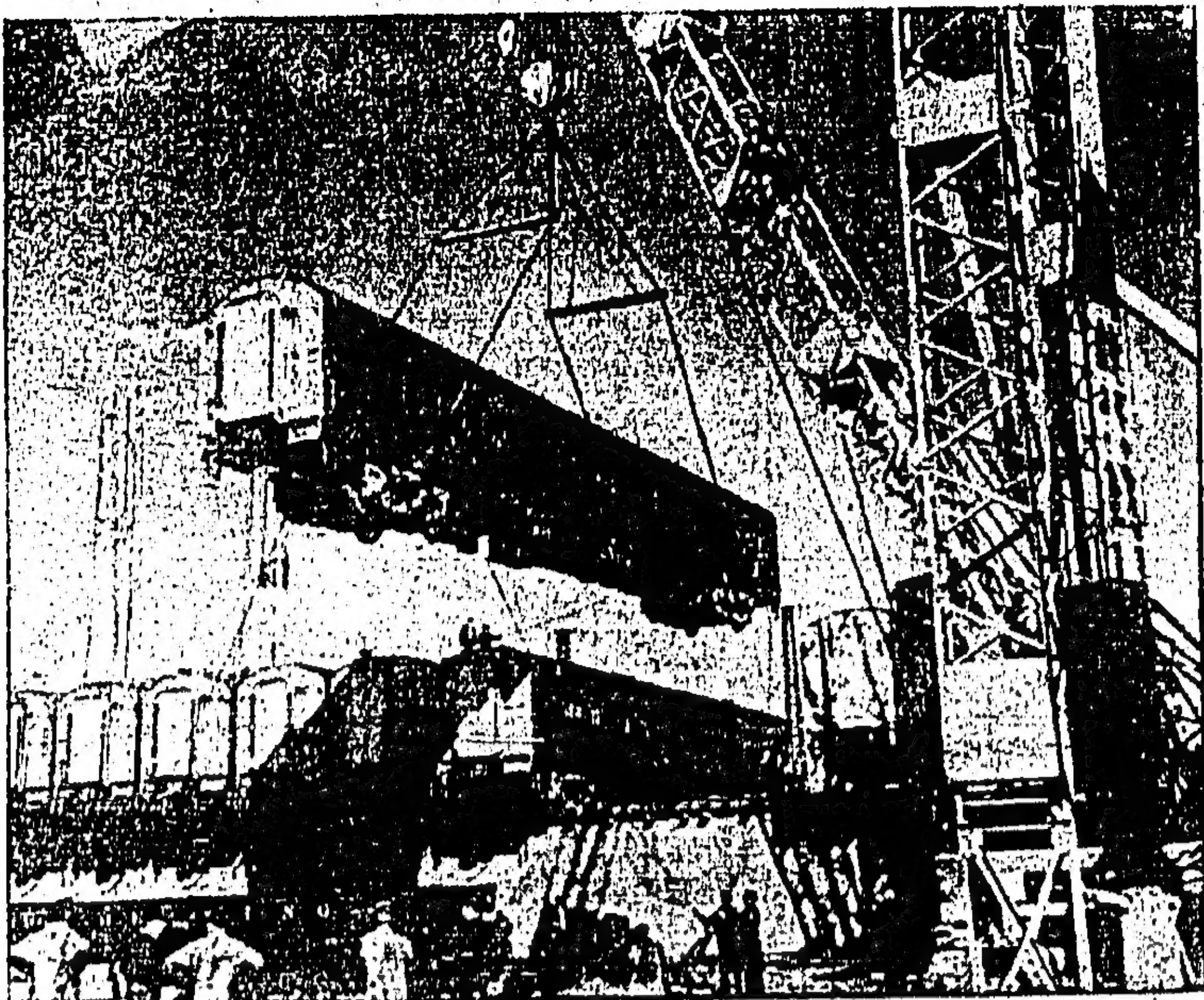
Family Affair
Dinner is served between
three and four in the afternoon,
strictly a family affair.
The big table is extended full
length, and covered with a
gleaming white Irish linen cloth,
treasured by every Irish home-
maker. In the centre of the
table there may be a small low
decoration of greens and red
flowers. The room for
much decoration as the table is
filled with food. The Christmas
dinner is a bountiful, forthright
meal, but not "fancy". It is
built around either roast goose
or turkey, always with plenty
of herb-braised stuffing. The
vegetables are always fresh and
often home grown, — except the
traditional fresh tomatoes, im-
ported from Spain and served
sliced. With the exception of
apple sauce, no conserve of any
kind is served at an Irish
dinner. They are reserved for
tea. The bread is either a good
white yeast bread, or the famous
Irish soda bread or both. A
popular soup to start off the
dinner is leek soup, made
without milk or cream. Serving
a Christmas plum pudding is the
custom throughout the British
Isles, and it's the climax of the
Irish Christmas Dinner, served
blazing if the necessary brandy
or spirits can be afforded. The
menu would run like this:

Roast Goose
Clean the goose and tweeze
out any pin feathers. Scrub all
over with mild soapy water.
Rinse several times with tepid
water. Drain and dry thoroughly.
Dust inside and out with salt
and pepper. Fill with herb-
basted stuffing, or if you are not
going to serve leek soup, use an
onion stuffing. Close the vent
with tooth picks or poultry pins
lacing them together with white
sitting and lying securely. Fasten
the wings to the body of the
goose with poultry pins or tooth
picks. Place on a rack in the
roasting pan, and bake in a
moderate oven, 350 F., allowing
about 25 min. to the pound. Do
not baste or prick with a fork.
The fat will cook out normally.
If the surface is not well
browned, dredge with flour
when ¾ cooked. To serve, re-
move the trussing strings; place
on a heated platter and garnish
with celery tips.

Onion Bread Stuffing: Peel 4
large onions. Place in boiling
water and simmer about 8 min.
Then drain and chop fine. Add
2 tsp. dried sage, 2 tsp. salt, ¼
tsp. pepper, 1 beaten egg and 3
tbsp. melted butter. Season with
other fat, taste for seasoning.
If necessary add a little extra.
If desired, half of the goose
liver may be simmered until
tender, chopped and added to
the stuffing.

Trick of the Chef
To braise potatoes, peel and
boil them in meat stock contain-
ing a little fat. When done,
drain and shake over a low heat
to dry out.

PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



HEADING SOUTH—The last of a shipment of 24 all-stainless steel railway passenger cars is lifted aboard a ship in Philadelphia. Built for a company in Brazil, they are now en route there, and include sleepers, baggage-mail cars, coaches and kitchen-diners.



HONOURS—Robert Frost, left, famous American poet, receives the "Gold Medal Award" from author Mark Van Doren at a meeting in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York. The award was given to Frost for a book of poetry which critics claimed was "most likely to become a classic."



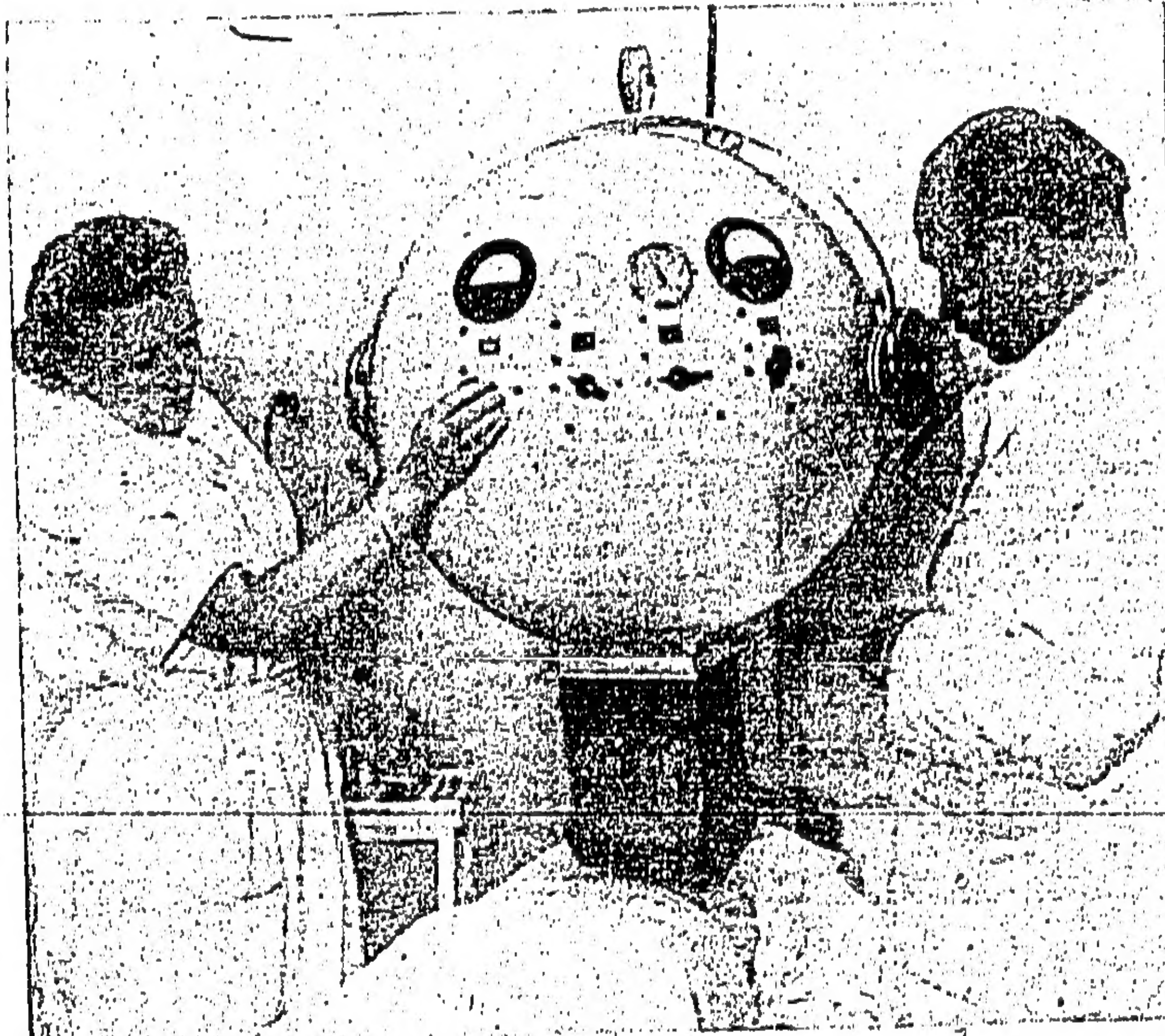
JUST STARTING OUT—Little Eddie Geary carried poses when he said goodbye to departing relatives at New York's LaGuardia Airport. The 10-month-old tot also took his first steps alone.



NARROW ESCAPE—When this gasoline tank truck burst into flames near Binghamton, N.Y., William Wright, the driver, leapt to safety. Traffic was held up in both directions while 4,000 gallons went up in a spectacular tower of flame.



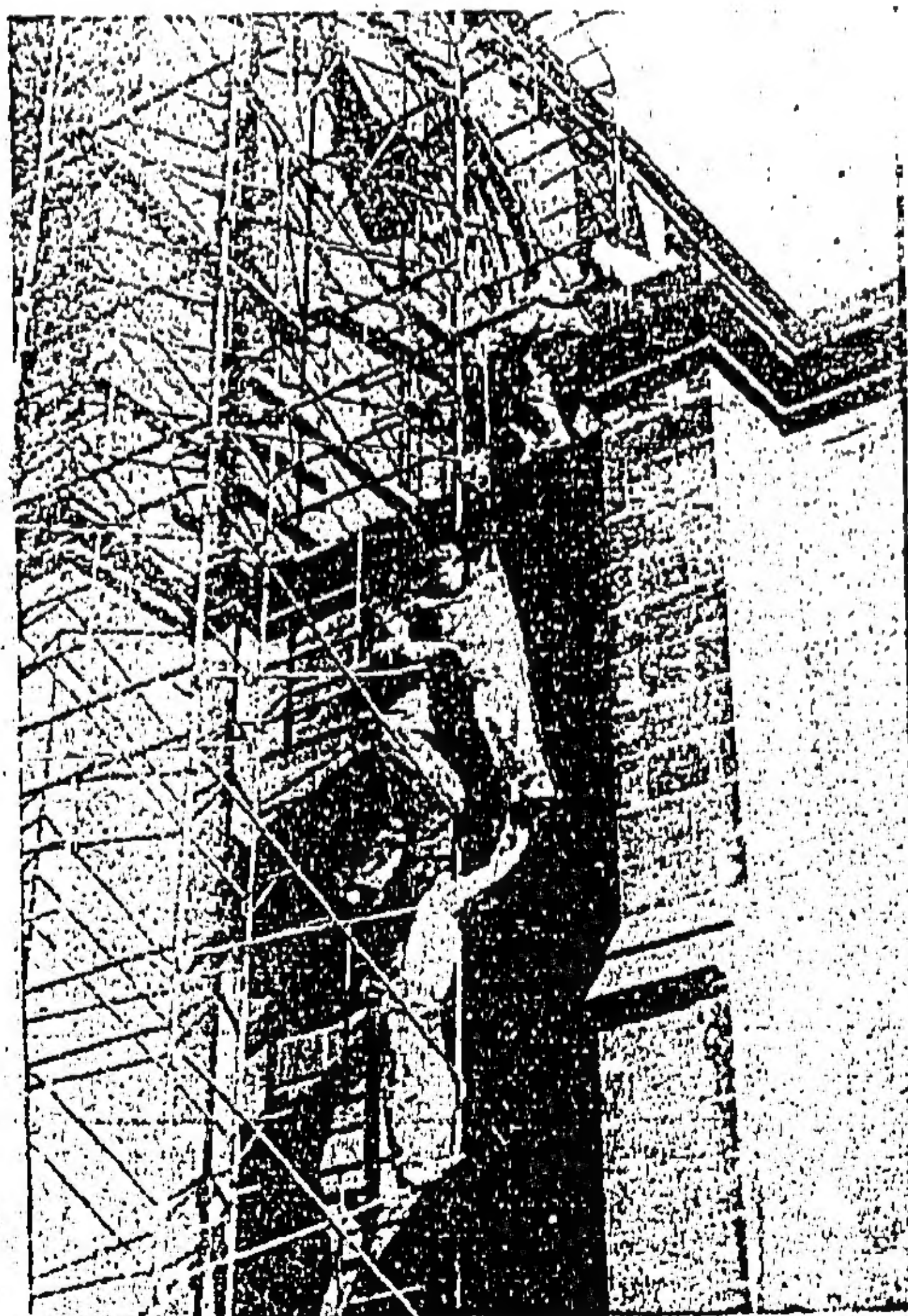
KNOW-HOW—Barbara Leslie's expert handling of her top piece in New York keeps an attraction from becoming a sensation. The shapely model has admirable technique.



NEW ATOMIC MEDICAL EQUIPMENT—Dr Max Bindig, right, administers treatment to an inoperable cancer victim with a Vibratom-Automator in Munich, Germany, using atomic energy to combat the disease. Bindig worked with an atomic researcher to build the atomic ball, which has been successful in battling heart, liver and stomach diseases as well as ulcers, tumours and cancer.



LOOKING THINGS OVER—Getting a preview of attractions of the coming racing season in Miami, Florida, are Ava Hall and La Nappe, who'll be on opposite sides of the racetrack fence. The horse is a French visitor, and Ava's a Miami gal.



COMING DOWN—Fellow workers lower Rex Drewel down the side of Christ Church Cathedral in St Louis, Missouri, after his 30-foot fall through the scaffolding. Drewel fell from the roof while working on repairs to the coping of the structure, and was rushed to the hospital in a serious condition.



INTRODUCTION—Young Benjamin Stanton, three-month-old son of actress Esther Williams and radio actor Ben Gage, poses for his picture in Hollywood. Esther's back at work on a new film, her first since the birth of her son.



TESTING—Dr Robert C. Miller, right, took advantage of construction work in San Francisco to test his snapping turtle's hearing. Some experts claim the reptiles are deaf, and this turtle seemed to be unaware of the racket of the rivet gun.

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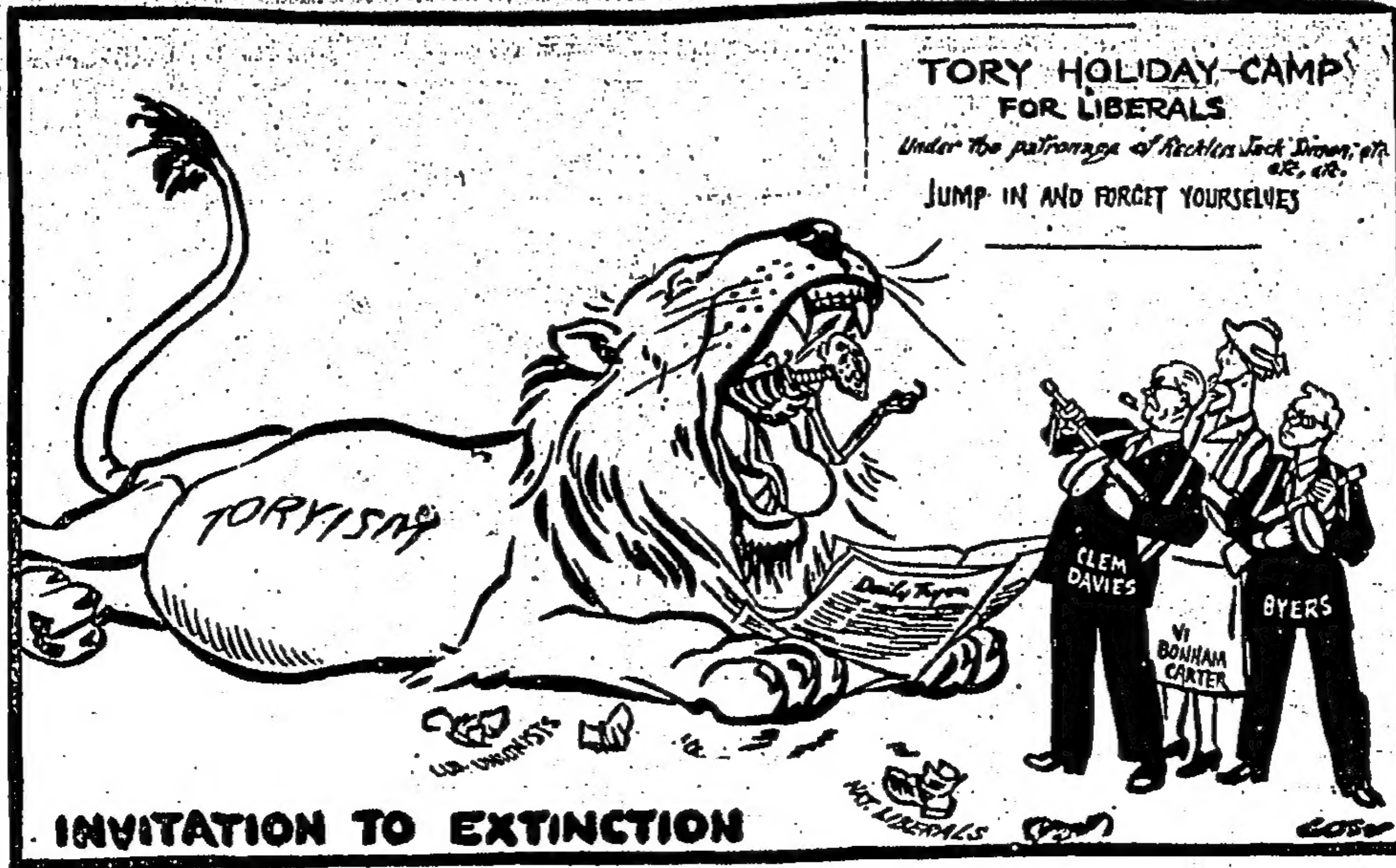
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THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD...

OF course dark-brown Herod heard of these matters. Ever since Zachary had been stricken dumb on the altar there had been rumours of queer happenings in Jerusalem, and Herod's spies, hearing everything, reported all the gossip, including whispers from the north that a virgin of Nazareth was going to have a baby.

The shepherds, too, had naturally blabbed about their supernatural experience. Agents of the king reported the strange stories, but had to admit that the tales were vague; they had learned nothing circumstantial, not even the names of the father and mother.

Herod had a turbulent scene with his spies. "What kind of services is this?" he roared at them. "Get me facts!" They came back with alarming facts. Three wise men from the East had arrived in the capital. They had no caravan; merely four camels, the extra beast loaded with bales and boxes which they kept ever near them at the khan. Gossip said they were kings, travelling incognito.

"What kind of men do they pretend to be? Merchants? Ambassadors with gifts for me? Or what?"

The spies gulped and flushed and cleared their throats. "What questions, fool? Speak up or I'll have you flogged."

"They are asking about the birth of a fabulous child who is to take the throne of Israel. They say they have seen his star in the east and have come to worship him."

CHAPTER THREE OF FULTON OURSLER'S STORY OF THE LIFE AND DEATH OF JESUS

Then Herod, having learned from Annas, the high priest, of the old prophecies concerning the Messiah, commanded that the three wise men be brought to the throne room.

For this interview he arrayed himself in his kingliest robes to impress the sycophants and rulers from the lands beyond the Euphrates.

Curious Meeting
It was a curious meeting. The august travellers from the East behaved admirably before the king, observing all the proprieties of a throne-room audience. Then, rising, they announced their names—Caspas, Melchior and Balthazar.

Herod looked upon them with a blandly smiling, affable and suave.

"We are curious to know," he told them, "why it is that we are honoured by a visit from such great dignitaries."

They told him very simply that they were following a star. "Well, what do you say this star portends?"

"The Wise Men were very wise, indeed, because they merely shook their heads and said they could not tell fortunes. But did they not know what it meant for the future of Israel? No, they could not, be sure of anything in the future; the star led them on, that was all."

"Bu," persisted Herod, "What do you expect to find under this star?"

Then Balthazar told him. "A child," the old traveller answered, closing his eyes. "A child?" Herod's voice was creamy with interest. "And what about this child?"

Not Free To Talk
MELCHIOR answered that they were not free to talk until their errand was complete. "Very well, then," growled Herod. "Where do you expect to find Him?"

"Bethlehem," Such a place?"

Again they shrugged. They could only follow the star. With the coming of night they would resume their journey. Herod saw that it was useless to bring mere force against wisdom, and turned a cunningly smiling face upon the three.

"Then this is what you must do," he dissembled. "Go find the child and then come back and tell me and I will go worship Him too."

Lifting a sweating hand to his brow, Herod allowed them to depart. No sooner were the doors shut behind them than he gave the signal to his spies; they were to follow the Wise Men and search everywhere else besides; find the child that had been born under a magical star.

But in the darkness of that night, Caspas, Melchior and Balthazar, with their extra laden camel, eluded Herod's pursuers. The Wise Men rode by an inside lane, on to Bethlehem, as if there was nothing in the world of human cunning that wise men had to fear. They found the town, the inn, the stable. They knelt, and their eyes were full of worshipful glory as they gazed upon Mary's baby.

Night Of Dreams
THEN the Wise Men embraced Joseph, kissed his beard and bowed ceremoniously. Having bestowed their gifts, they departed from the stable, but not to return to Jerusalem. The waiting Herod was never to see them again.

Having bedded down at another inn, the three Magi went promptly to sleep and dreamed the same dream. Because of that dream, they rose in the middle of the night and got away on their camels, completely outwitting several searching hands from the palace. By



THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT

NANCY For Pity's Sake



By Ernie Bushmiller



A run on the mind doctors

By Sidney Rodin

SO many people in Britain are suffering or imagine they are suffering from neurosis—mental ill-health—that the Institute of Psycho-analysis, the most eminent body of mind specialists in the country, has closed its waiting-list.

People already on it must wait from six months to two years for treatment.

And at the psychiatric departments of St. Bartholomew's, St. George's, Guy's and other large hospitals who want their minds examined have to wait upwards of six months.

Finding a psychiatrist or psycho-analyst who will treat you is said to be as difficult as finding a new car for sale.

The mind experts are working as late as 9 p.m. coping with the



Dr. Alfred Torrie

rush of patients. There are more people stretched out on couches in the softly-lit consulting rooms of these specialists than ever before.

The number of men and women who think themselves neurotic, in fact, is so large that the Ministry of Health is getting up a committee to inquire how best they can be helped.

There are only about 1,200 psychiatrists who are doctors—their training takes 11 years—and not many more than 100 lay psycho-analysts whose credentials are recognised by the medical profession.

Yet most physicians agree that one-third of all illnesses has been found due to "psychological conflict."

At the hospitals only a short-term of treatment can be given under the National Health Scheme.

What they pay

The Institute of Psycho-analysis and the two other principal organisations endeavour to charge patients according to their means.

But hundreds of neurotics pay an average of £300 a year to be cured, and the cure may take four years.

Harley—street psychiatrists charge from two to five guineas for every three-quarters of an hour session on their couches. Because of the length of time which may be involved, one leading mind doctor requires some of his patients to deposit £2,000 before he will undertake the case.

Others advise patients to set aside a guinea or two each week from their income.

There is increased resort to rapid methods to obtain results—electrical shock treatment and the use of drugs—but these may be applied only by qualified doctors.

The cost is usually equivalent to that for a major surgical operation—from 50 to 100 guineas—and often the patient prefers to pay rather than take his place in the queue for free treatment under the Health scheme.

No 'craze'

Although many thousands of people are rushing to consult psychologists and other mind healers whose qualifications are not normally recognised, the top professionals of mind deny there is a current "craze" for having one's head examined.

It is too expensive, they say, and people who imagine mental illness are quickly told to go.

Most genuine sufferers come from the middle classes, particularly the upper middle class.

Men neurotics are as numerous as women, but people who live in the country are less inclined to suffer from the fears, oppressions, hysteria, and anxieties which are the common symptoms of mental ill-health.

Thousands of "problem children" are now examined. Three in every 100 juvenile delinquents are psycho-analysed annually in child guidance clinics.

All recruits to the Forces who find themselves "maladjusted" and unhappy may also be seen by psychiatrists.

What are the reasons for the widespread demand for treatment?

The 'new fear'

Dr. Alfred Torrie, medical director of the National Association for Mental Health, said: "This is a period of transition in which the old class leadership is disappearing, and many people cannot adapt themselves

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Debate On Jerusalem Statute Postponed

MEXICAN PROPOSAL APPROVED BY TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

Lake Success, Dec. 19.—Mexico today proposed the postponement until January of further public discussion by the Trusteeship Council of the draft statute for an international regime in Jerusalem.

Japanese Believe In Ghosts

Tokyo, Dec. 19.—That six percent of the Japanese people still believe in ghosts was the finding of the Education Ministry, made public today.

This was the result of a two-year nationwide poll conducted by an agency with the cumbersome title: "Superstition Investigation Committee," which was appointed for the task by the Ministry.

The survey, concluded also that 20 percent of the people believe in the age-old Japanese superstition that foxes and badgers can bewitch or possess human beings. Seven percent of college graduates are among this number.

Ministry officials were reported to be appalled at the findings.—Reuter.

Israel Must Be Strong, Jews Told

Proclamation At London Reception

London, Dec. 19.—Many distinguished Jews attended a reception here tonight to celebrate the recent announcement that Israel now has a population of 1,000,000 Jews.

Mr. N. Engelberg, technical adviser to the Zionist organization in Britain, read a proclamation issued by the Executive Committee of the Jewish Agency for Israel.

The declaration, however, emphasized that only 10 percent of the people had reached their homeland.

"We should remember that the State of Israel must be strong and peopled by a great number of Jews so as to safeguard its independence and sovereignty in the face of the dangers threatening it on all sides," the declaration said.

Professor S. Brodetsky, member of the Zionist Executive and President of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, said: "When we decided to establish the State of Israel the ideal was to establish a state of affairs in which it would be possible to bring Jews into Israel."

"ON MISTAKE"

"I think the Government of the State of Israel has in the past 18 months done a job of first-class importance from every point of view."

"There could be nobody so assured as to suppose it could be undone. The State was recognized by some 50 Governments."

"Even today," he continued, "the number of Jews coming into the State is at least 15,000 a month. The whole essence of the State is immigration. It is solving the Jewish problem."

Dr. S. Levenberg, head of the Jewish Agency in Great Britain, regretted that a recent United Nations decision had placed Israel in "a position of conflict with the United Nations."

He thought the honourable way out was for the great international body to admit that it had made a mistake 10 days ago and to convene a new General Assembly to review the future of Israel.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

11 P.M.—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary: 6.02, "It's Swing Time"; 6.20, Cantonese by Radio-Given by Miss Lee Wai Lan and Mr. S. K. Lee (Lesson 6) (Studio); 6.50, The Melodious Strings; 7.00, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.15, American Letter by Alvin Cooke (London Relay); 7.30, "Stage and Screen Favorites"—Presented by Alvin Cooke (Studio); 8.00, "From the Editorials" (London Relay); 8.10, Linda Cater Talks on Films (Studio); 8.20, "The Blue Dancer"—The True Story of the Strauss Family and Their Contemporaries (Part 3); 8.30, "Services Spotlight"—Concert by the Band of the South Gloucestershire Regiment; 9.00, News Reel (London Relay); 9.15, Weather Report; 9.30, "Time For Music"—BBC Midland Light Orchestra; 9.45, "Services Spotlight"—Concert by the Band of the South Gloucestershire Regiment; 10.00, News Reel (London Relay); 10.15, Weather Report; 10.30, "Time For Music"—BBC Midland Light Orchestra; 10.45, Dance To Red Hot Rhythm; 11.00, "To Sing"; 11.15, Weather Report; 11.30, "Time For Music"—BBC Midland Light Orchestra; 11.45, "God Save the King"; 11.50, Close Down.

Mr. Raul Noriega, the Mexican delegate, suggested that the President of the Council, M. Roger Garreau, of France, should collate the ideas of all delegations and present them as a working paper when the Council meets for its next regular session in Geneva in January.

The suggestion was immediately supported by Mr. Francis Sayre (United States) and Mr. G. R. Laking (New Zealand). It had been discussed informally by many members of the Council around a table in the delegates' lounge before they gathered formally in the Council Chamber.

Mr. Noriega, who emphasized that he was making a suggestion only, said that if the President, with the help of the Secretariat and having in his possession the observations of all interested parties, including Israel and Jordan, drew up a working document, the drafting of a statute would be "more practicable."

UNABLE TO JUDGE

He said that he was making his suggestion "because we do not feel that it is possible to undertake the work of the Trusteeship Council in this matter at this very moment. The Council does not have elements for judgment. I do not have the working material which would allow it to work."

If the Council approved the idea, it might not be necessary to adopt a Philippines proposal that Israel be invited to take part in the Council's discussions, he added.

Mr. Sayre (United States) said that Mr. Noriega had put forward a "worth while" suggestion.

Regarding the invitation to Israel, he said that it should be extended to cover all Council meetings concerning Jerusalem. Jordan should also be invited.

Dr. Fadil Jamali (Iraq) contended that the question of which parties were to be invited to attend the Council's discussions depended on "the fundamental principle of who was to be invited to Jerusalem as a centre for political arguing or as a spiritual place to which all nations have equal access."

UK SUPPORT

Mr. John Fletcher-Cooke (Britain) supported the Mexican suggestion. He asked that the Council should decide on it before any other issue.

The Council then adjourned and after its recess the Mexican suggestion was presented in written form. It read: "The Trusteeship Council, Entrusted the President with the task of preparing a working paper on the Statute for Jerusalem in accordance with the resolution of the General Assembly of December 9, 1948, the said working paper to be submitted to the Council at the beginning of its sixteenth regular session in Geneva on January 19, 1950."

"Invites the members of the Council to send to the President written suggestions or observations on the provisions of the draft Statute."

"Invites the delegations now participating without vote on the deliberations on the question of Jerusalem similarly to present their views if they so desire."

"Authorizes the President to ascertain the views of any other interested Governments."

"The written suggestions and views referred to above shall be submitted to the President not later than January 6, 1950."

SOVIET ABSTENTION

After a further discussion, the Council approved the Mexican proposal by 11 votes to nine, with one abstention—the Soviet Union.

The proposal as adopted also contained an introduction moved by the Lebanon, as follows: "Considering that the completion of the preparation of the Statute of Jerusalem, with which the Council has been charged by the resolution of the General Assembly of December 9, should be effected as soon as possible."

On the proposal of Iraq, the President was authorized to ascertain the views of "any other interested Governments, institutions and organizations."

The Iraq delegate, presenting this amendment, said that "religious bodies might wish to make known their views on Jerusalem."

Having adopted the Mexican proposal, the Council then moved to the French Delegation resolution expressing concern at the removal of certain departments of the Israeli Government to Jerusalem.—Reuter.

GOLD COAST TO KHARTOUM

Khartoum, Dec. 19.—An all-British trans-continental air line between Accra, on the Gold Coast, and Khartoum, in the Sudan, is to start operating on January 6 following a successful test flight by an African Airways Corporation plane.

The new service will provide a tie-up with other airlines at Accra westwards to the United States and at Khartoum for Africa.

A Bristol Wayfarer, which made the trip today, carried 10 first-class and 12 second-class passengers, with one and a half tons of freight. It was claimed that this was the first time a second-class travel had ever been introduced in the air.

The route is Accra (Gold Coast), Lagos, Kano and Maiduguri (Nigeria), and El Gherin (in the extreme westerly border of the Sudan) to Khartoum. The distance is 2,000 miles and the trip will take two days.—Reuter.

Fog Holds Up Air Traffic

New York, Dec. 19.—Fog today held up half a dozen overseas planes at La Guardia Airport here and several others at Idlewild International Airport.

Seventy international flights from New York were also cancelled.

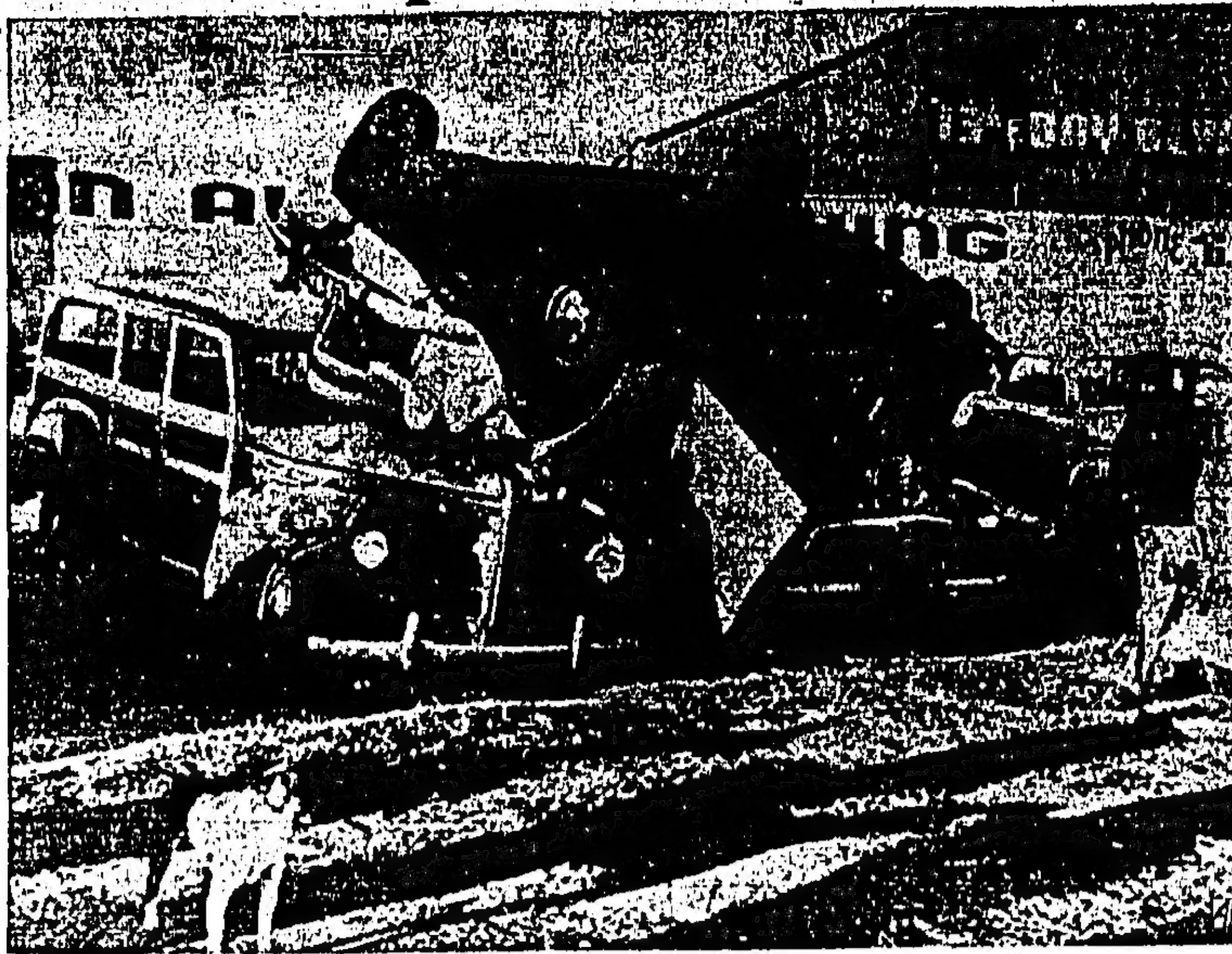
Meanwhile, planes were grounded over a wide area of Texas. Fog covered seven states in the Southwest, Midwest and South, but conditions were improving in the East.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Come down this minute! Of course that chimney's wide enough for Santa!"

Four Escaped From This Crash



A "flying" coupe landed upside down astride a station wagon and a sedan after failing to make a curve in a road in National City, California. The car plunged down a five-foot bank into a used car lot, rolled and slid on to the hoods of adjoining cars after hitting a delivery truck. Four Marines crawled out without a scratch.—AP Picture.

Von Manstein Appeals Against Sentence

Hamburg, Dec. 19.—Field Marshal Erich Von Manstein, Hitler's most successful commander, appealed tonight against the 18-year prison sentence imposed on him here today by the British Military Court, the West German news agency reported.

1950 FRENCH BUDGET

Paris, Dec. 19.—The French Finance Minister, M. Maurice Petesche, told the French Parliament today he was gambling on future American aid to balance the 1950 budget.

He told the National Assembly he had written into the estimated receipts 250,000,000 francs (£250,000,000) "although I do not have the right to do it."

"Who can prejudice the future decisions of Congress," he asked, adding, however, "I am taking the risk."

M. Petesche made it clear he was counting on eventual American approval for France to unfreeze counterpart funds in France to American officials aid to help France's deficit.

M. Petesche also made it clear that administration of the European Recovery Programme were going to get together with the nations receiving Marshall Plan dollars.

"Distribution of that aid will not be done in 1950 on the basis of our needs as in previous years, but in relation to our efforts to stabilise our money and liberalise our exchanges," he said.—Associated Press.

To Hunt Game With Cameras

London, Dec. 19.—The largest big game expedition to be organised since the war will leave London Airport on Wednesday for Nairobi, but the only guns to be carried will be those of a white hunter accompanying the expedition.

The expedition, which will take colour films of birds and animal life, will be led by Mr. Edgar Queney, 52-year-old Chairman of a St. Louis chemical company, who arrived here today with a special camera team from the United States.

Mr. Queney said the expedition had to start this week so that it could go through the Belgian Congo in the dry season. The expedition is sponsored by the New York History Museum.—Reuter.

A run on the mind doctors

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to the unclean government by the State. There is emotional disturbance due to a new fear of freedom.

"Secondly, the decline in religious belief has deprived thousands of their rudder and guide through life."

"Thirdly, people are frustrated by changes, and are worried by having to make sacrifices to maintain their old station in life."

Dr. Ellis Stungo, a Harley-street psychiatrist, said: "Through books and films, and through hearing of the trend in the U.S., people are more aware today of the possibility that they are mentally ill."

"They are less glib about treatment, and less ashamed of admitting that they need it."

(London Express Service)

Baguio Talks May Be Held In March

Manila, Dec. 20.—A well-informed diplomatic source said today that the projected conference for the organisation of a non-Communist South-east Asia union would probably take place in Baguio next March.

The Philippine Ambassador to the United Nations, Brigadier General Carlos Romulo, whom President Quirino charged with the task of inviting prospective member countries to the conference, is expected to be in Manila early next year, if not earlier.

General Romulo may come to Manila to attend the inaugural ceremonies for President Quirino on December 30.

It is still not clear just which countries will attend the projected Baguio conference, but diplomatic sources said that India, Pakistan, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand and possibly Indonesia and Korea might be willing to participate.—United Press.

AMNESTY GRANTED

Frankfurt, Dec. 19.—The United States occupation headquarters today announced an amnesty for some German war criminals.

Sixty Germans are to be released, among them being the former head of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, Ernst Wilhelm Bohle, and Georg von Schaller, former head of the Board of Directors of the I. B. Farben combine.

The "Christmas" amnesty takes effect tomorrow.

Others to be released are Josef Altshuler, former Secretary of State in the German Ministry of Justice, Karl Holldt, a former General, and Emil Puhl, former Vice-President of the Reichsbank, all of whom were tried in Nuremberg.

Though the amnesty takes effect tomorrow these five men, who are in Andesberg Prison, will not be released until some time next month, according to a statement by Mr. John J. McCloy, American High Commissioner.

The 55 others were sentenced by Dachau courts. Of these 27 will be released tomorrow and 28 on Wednesday.

The amnesty is conditional. It provides for deductions of five days for each month served for "good conduct" war criminals.

The men will remain on probation until the time of the expiration of the full sentence as pronounced by the courts.—Reuter.

GAOL SENTENCES

Cologne, Dec. 19.—The former Gestapo chief of Cologne, who once held the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, a political prisoner, was today sentenced to nine years' penal servitude by a German criminal court here for crimes against humanity.

He was Herr Hoelger, who appeared with four other former Gestapo men. All five were found guilty of mistreating political prisoners in the notorious Gestapo house here by using needles, knives and sticks to extract confessions.

Apart from Hoelger, the accused got prison sentences ranging from two and a half to five years.

The sentences evoked shouts of protest from onlookers in the court, who complained that they were too light.—Reuter.

Elephants' Future

Colombo, Dec. 19.—Elephants may become extinct within the next two centuries, according to Mr. F.E.P. Deniyagala, Director of Natural Museums.

Addressing the fifth annual session of the Ceylon Association of Science, he said: "Under natural conditions man's contemporary should enjoy a racial life for as long a period as himself, but with man's rapid expansion it is unlikely that the animal will survive beyond another two centuries."

"The only avenue of survival is through total domestication, but although the elephant has been man's valued assistant in labour, war, the hunt and as an executioner, its larger size restricts ownership of the animal to a few individuals, and thereby prevents the animal from becoming domesticated."—Reuter.

EIGHT DIE IN PLANE CRASH

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He was hurled across the room. Later he was taken from the house suffering from shock and chest injuries.

Heat from the flames kept people at a distance of 50 yards.—Reuter.

AIRCRAFT MISSING

Mexico City, Dec. 19.—A plane, belonging to Pemex (Mexican Oil monopoly), with six or eight persons on board was reported missing today. It was last heard of on Saturday morning.

Pemex officials said the plane was taking to Japan several relatives of passengers among the 17 killed on Friday in the Compañia Mexicana de Aviación plane crash.

Five relatives of the dead passengers in the previous crash were killed in two motor car collisions on route to the scene of the wreck.—Associated Press.

French Rightists Await Gov't's New Tax Proposals

Paris, Dec. 19.—The conflict between the Government and the extreme Right section of its Parliamentary majority over higher taxation to be voted for next year's French budget marked time today.

The general debate was formally opened by the Finance Minister, M. Maurice Petesche, but apart from an appeal by the Premier, M. Georges Bidault, not to provoke another political crisis, the debate was adjourned until the Government has been able to put fresh economy proposals before the recalcitrant Finance Commission of the Assembly.

The Government, it was expected, would produce on paper 15 to 20 milliard francs of additional economies (equal to less than one percent of the total budget estimates for the coming year) but whether the Radical rebels would be content with this or would force a Cabinet crisis remains to be seen.

The Government's own budget figures start off with a deficit of 25 milliards between estimated revenue and expenditure.

Expenditure is estimated at 2,300 milliard francs (against 2,000 milliards for 1949). Revenue is estimated at 2,275 milliard francs.

The gap, the Finance Minister said today, would be filled by future economies which the Government hoped to inaugurate under a special two-year plan.

The Government's budget provides for 101 milliard francs of new taxation, falling exclusively on employers and business enterprises. The Finance Commission, under the aggressive leadership of the Radicals, has so far refused to approve more than 62 milliards of the new taxation.

The Commission met this afternoon to re-examine the Government's 1950 Finance Bill but adjourned to await new proposals.

The National Assembly Budget debate was also adjourned. Before the Assembly adjourned for the day, M. Petesche told members that the Commission's proposals were a false economy. A proposed cut in the railways' subsidies, he said, meant a huge increase in fares. The Commission's proposal to cut the equipment programme by 30,000 million francs meant much unemployment and the Commission's proposal left a deficit in the Budget of between 60,000 million, and 80,000 million francs, which meant inflation.—Reuter.

Greek Martial Law Lifted

Athens, Dec. 19.—The Greek Cabinet tonight approved a decree lifting martial law from the Athens-Piraeus and Ploponesea areas, to be effective tomorrow.—Reuter.



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PLAYERS' UNION FOR PROFESSIONAL CRICKETERS?

London, Dec. 19.—Those who regard cricket as a money-spinner for professionals because of the large sums occasionally mentioned as benefits get a far different picture when other facts are brought to light. The great majority of professional cricketers get an average weekly wage which trade unionists in other walks of life would not tolerate.

Footballers, with their £12 weekly, might not be so well off had it not been for the Players' Union, and it is within the realm of possibility that a similar union for cricketers may come into being before many more seasons.

It needs only a good organiser and the backing of all professionals to make the thing possible, particularly these days when more amateurs are finding it increasingly difficult to play County cricket regularly.

There are dozens of cricketers who have made the game their living but who will never have the opportunity of going on one of the tours which do bring an appreciable income to a "star" player.

Yet this sum is lessened considerably by taxes and it is not all profit. Those players who are at present in India as the Commonwealth team are likely to benefit more from their tour than from any other side which has gone abroad.

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League Cricket Averages

BATTING:

	Runs	N.O.	Runs	H.S.	Aver.
T. Grant (H. Navy)	4	1	166	81	55.33
N. E. Arthy (Optimists)	9	1	342	76	42.75
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	8	2	228	50*	30.00
G. H. Tomline (Army)	4	1	101	55*	33.00
K. M. Runjinh (Craigengower)	8	1	220	60	32.71
F. J. Moorhouse (RAF)	6	1	150	60	30.00
G. A. Souza (Craigengower)	8	2	177	80*	29.50
A. D. Pantou (RAF)	7	2	131	33*	20.20
H. M. Newton (Scorpius)	6	2	102	44*	25.50
N. Gambrell (RAF)	5	-	127	00	25.40
F. A. Weller (Scorpius)	7	-	103	44	23.28
A. R. Abbas (IRC)	8	1	156	37	22.28
K. C. A. Ball (RAF)	5	0	109	53	21.80
A. Zimmern (KCC)	9	1	174	45	21.75
D. A. Oakley (Commandos)	6	1	107	68*	21.40
M. W. Holme (Army)	8	1	144	55	20.57
L. D. Kilbee (University)	6	1	101	54	20.20
D. Chelliah (Scorpius)	4	-	119	35	19.83
L. F. Sikes (Army)	8	1	133	51*	19.00
R. Gravston (Army)	8	2	114	44	18.00
F. R. Zimmern (KCC)	7	1	111	58*	18.50
O. J. Kerr (Scorpius)	7	1	108	34	18.00
A. H. Ismail (Craigengower)	7	1	137	60	17.12
G. Hong Choy (Craigengower)	8	1	130	52	16.25
F. E. Thernycroft (Army)	8	1	130	52	16.25

BOWLING:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
J. H. Bennett (Army)	29.3	7	66	11	6.00
F. Howarth (Scorpius)	104.5	22	236	34	6.94
A. L. Smith (Optimists)	45.3	10	160	18	8.33
A. P. Pereira (Recreio)	62.2	21	202	21	9.61
H. C. Corfield (Recreio)	61.3	8	193	20	9.65
G. N. Gosano (RAF)	50	7	142	14	10.14
A. R. Minu (IRC)	81.5	10	265	26	10.19
H. E. Lee (KCC)	68	22	273	25	10.92
J. C. Koh (University)	32.5	5	132	12	11.00
H. S. Cull (Scorpius)	53	8	167	15	11.13
A. R. Abbas (IRC)	55.5	9	157	14	11.21
Graves (Commandos)	56	10	141	12	11.75
L. C. Tyrer (H. Navy)	94	25	237	20	11.85
A. Briggs (Commandos)	63	15	194	15	12.93
W. M. Mitchell (Army)	50.5	9	199	15	13.26
E. L. Gosano (Recreio)	48	7	139	10	13.90
K. H. Vaughan (RAF)	48	7	166	12	13.83
T. H. Leach (University)	69.2	17	199	14	14.21
S. M. Teh (University)	68.2	14	218	15	14.53
C. H. T. Pritchard (Optimists)	50	3	205	14	14.64
K. C. A. Ball (RAF)	50	9	178	12	14.83

SECOND DIVISION

BATTING:

	Runs	N.O.	Runs	H.S.	Aver.
D. Langston-Jones (KCC)	5	1	148	102*	37.00
S. E. M. Bux (IRC)	5	1	139	82*	34.75
B. Dhabher (KGVS)	6	2	109	35*	28.16
V. C. Bond (KCC)	6	1	128	57	21.33
A. T. Lee (KCC)	8	-	149	40	18.62
A. E. Norrish (Recreio)	7	-	123	41	17.57
E. Ho (University)	7	-	101	26	12.62
D. E. Remedios (Recreio)	8	-	101	26	12.62

BOWLING:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
D. J. Dunne (KGVS)	44.3	10	85	25	3.40
A. T. Lee (KCC)	74	23	118	22	5.36
Owen (Commandos)	60.5	11	129	24	5.37
J. Hirst (RAF)	44.5	11	103	19	5.42
G. Vale (H. Navy)	63	16	133	24	5.54
Dowling (Commandos)	23	6	57	10	5.70
A. R. Osmund (Recreio)	34.5	6	128	18	7.17
D. E. Remedios (Recreio)	47.3	10	120	19	6.32
A. D. Ebrahim (IRC)	33.3	20	150	21	7.14
V. Motwale (IRC)	74	20	167	23	7.26
W. Salter (KGVS)	56.5	15	98	13	7.53
F. D. Bottomley (KGVS)	58.5	13	130	17	7.64
D. G. White (KCC)	46.5	11	132	17	7.76
C. Gutierrez (Recreio)	33.5	24	185	22	8.40
Eric Ho (University)	44.5	7	142	14	10.14
D. Davenport (RAF)	43	13	110	10	11.00
P. Haris (Dockyard)	41.2	11	146	13	11.23
G. Elliott (University)	50.4	6	169	16	11.26
B. K. Foh. (University)	51.5	7	155	12	12.91
E. Noise (H. Navy)	49.2	13	143	11	13.00

*Not Out. Qualification: 100 runs for an average over 10.00.

game of cricket cannot, for its survival, depend on the few players. The backbone are the many other professionals who make up County sides and who have no prospect of such incomes.

Some may not be treated as well as others and while long service may bring benefits many players might prefer a regular income of worthwhile proportions during their playing days rather than a pittance and then a dubious benefit later.

There are other problems which beset the average professional, pensions for example, and a strong Players' Union could do as much for County cricketers as the other body has done for footballers—Reuter.

Top Scorer Of Tour

Durban, Dec. 19.—Jack Moroney, 30-year-old New South Wales schoolmaster, today became the top scorer of the Australian tour so far when he made 160 not out in the match here against a South African XI, which ended in a draw.

The previous best was 153 by Arthur Morris against Natal. The powerfully built opening batsman had been at the wicket for a total of nearly five and a half hours when rain, just before tea, brought a sudden end to the match.

The Australians were then 15 runs ahead on the first innings, having scored 344 for four wickets in answer to the South Africans' total of 328.

Moroney, who included 10 boundaries in his last innings, helped to put on 187 runs in a third wicket partnership with Neil Harvey, who also completed a half-century in two and a half hours.

The pair completely dominated the first two hours of the match, each registering his third century of the tour.

THE SCOREBOARD

Today's scoreboard read:	
SOUTH AFRICAN XI	
First Innings	328
Australians	
First Innings	344
K. Archer c. Henderson	58
J. Moroney not out	160
K. Miller c. Draper	6
N. Harvey st. Draper	6
P. Nain	100
S. Loxton lbw. b. Waddington	4
A. L. Hassett not out	14
Extras	14
Total for four	344

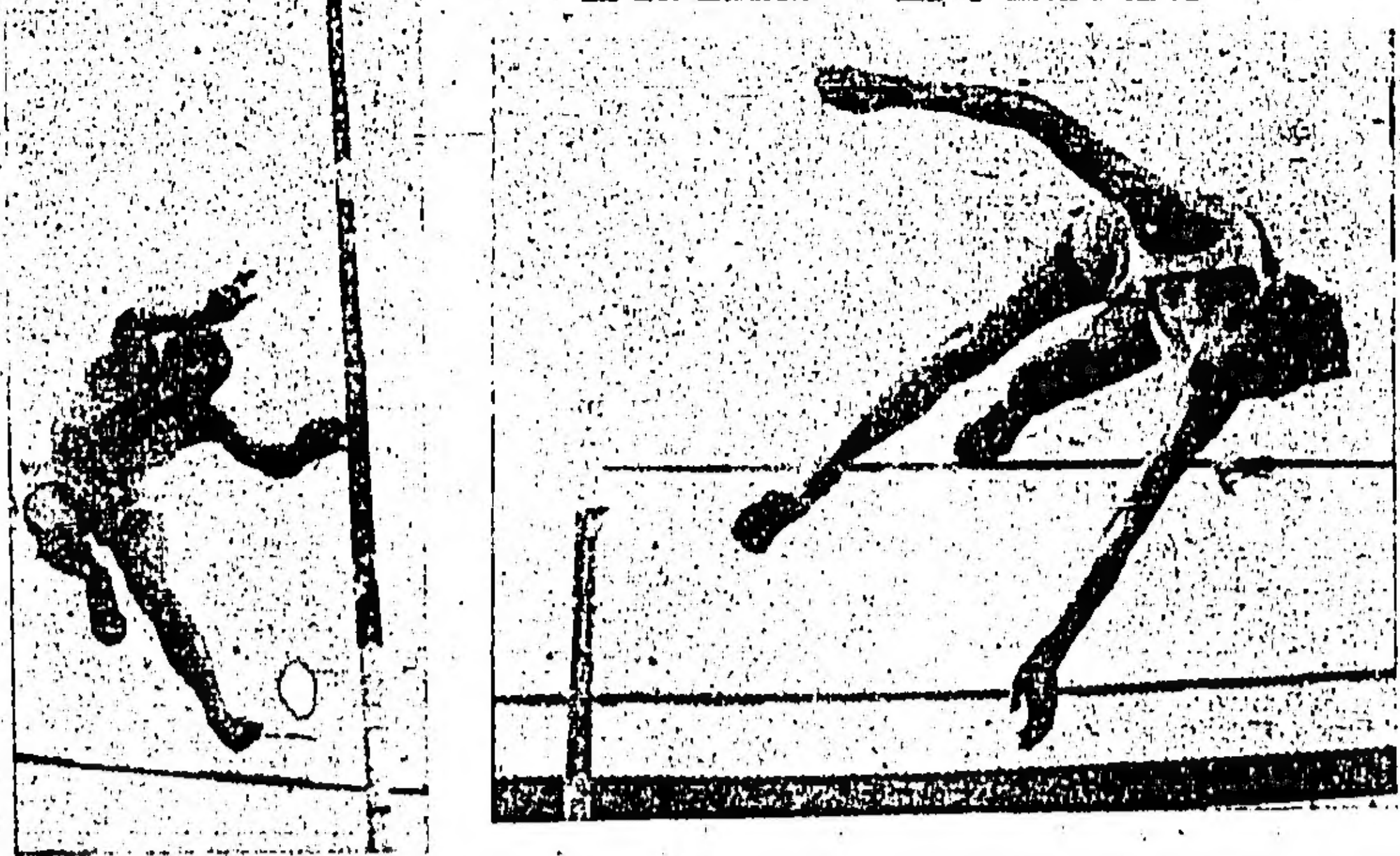
Fall of wickets: 1/124, 2/136, 3/323, 4/328.	
Bowling:	
	O M R W
Henderson	10 2 81 2
Waddington	19 3 60 2
Payne	27.5 2 111 1
Mitchell	7 0 38 0
Wynne	1 0 3 0
Thorne	7 0 37 0
Byes 3, leg-byes 4, No balls 7.—Reuter.	

NO COMEBACK FOR LOUIS

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Marshall Miles, manager of the former World's Heavyweight Champion, Joe Louis, tonight decided to meet the NBA Champion, Ezzard Charles, in June.

Louis has no plans at present for a comeback campaign, Miles stated emphatically. He said a sensational report was obtained from "an outsider" and that he had demanded an alteration in the wire service that circulated the report—United Press.

ENGLAND'S HOPES FOR THE FIELD EVENTS



T. D. Anderson, new English record-holder in the Pole Vault with a mark of 12 feet 10 inches and Peter Wells (right), ex-Schoolboy Champion, the new English record-holder in the High Jump with a mark of 6 feet 6 inches, are two of England's brightest hopes for Empire Games Championships at Auckland in February.

There Will Be Too Many Non-Starters At The Empire Games

BY "RECORDER"

There is already a record entry for the Empire Games at Auckland, New Zealand, from February 4 to 11, almost 600 to date, but the Games will probably gain notoriety for the fact that some of the champions who will be crowned will have an unhappy feeling they won because someone else did not compete.

Such outstanding Empire athletes as Arthur Wint, Herb McKenley, Bill Nankeville, Roger Bannister, Henry Rebell and E. L. R. Phillips will not be competing. Among the doubtful starters are MacDonald Bailey and the first English athlete to reach 51 feet in the Shot Put—J. A. Savidge.

India and Pakistan have decided to conserve their energies for the Asian Games which come in the autumn next year—not so much their energies as the fact that budgets for athletics can hardly stand two big international events in one year. Of the West Indian colonies, Jamaica only is sending a team. Trinidad may or may not be represented by MacDonald Bailey. If he goes to Auckland, it will be on his own resources or on those of New Zealand.

New Zealand tops the entries list with 200 competitors. Australia will send 150 and England 70. Also competing will be Canada, Fiji, Malaya, Nigeria, Rhodesia, Scotland, South Africa and Wales. Record entry for the Empire Games so far was at Sydney in 1938 where there were 507 participants.

What will an Empire Quarter-Mile Championship look like without McKenley and Wint? Probably too, Curtoia, three of the finalists in the Olympic 400 Metres at London last year?

TRUE ENOUGH

The starters still represent one of the finest groups of Empire Quarter-Milers in history, but no McKenley, no Wint. True enough that Jamaica's George Rhoden has outrun McKenley as has Australia's John Bartram, but could it not have just been a fluke in the past? And Olympic Champion Arthur Wint has still to find a real challenger.

Besides Rhoden there are left Bartram and Edwin Carr of Australia, Schalk Booysse of South Africa, Bob and Don McFarlane of Canada, L. C. Lewis of England and Duncan White of Ceylon.

All are crackcrack 440 men, but not one a race for Rhoden. All hover around 48 seconds, and the young Jamaican is under 47 and not quite in his prime yet. What a race it could have been—Wint, McKenley, Rhoden and Curtoia.

As things look at present, one can almost nominate the winners in the track events without running a race—Jamaica's Leslie Laing in the 100 and 220, Rhoden in the 440, New Zealand's Douglas Harris in the 800 and possibly the Mile, Leslie Eyre in the latter event if Harris does not double and Eyre in the Three Miles.

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Looking over the appended list of best Empire performances, brought up to date, not one of these names stands against the best performance of the season. Their times in training are unofficial and unrecorded.

100 Yards	
MacDonald Bailey (Trinidad)	9.5
John Bartram (Australia)	9.5
Leslie Laing (Jamaica)	9.7
Ken Jones (Scotland)	9.7
David Johnson (Australia)	9.7
Bill de Gruy (Australia)	9.8
Jack Curtoia (Australia)	9.8
Don Pettit (Canada)	9.8
Don Haggle (Canada)	9.8
220 Yards	
Herb McKenley (Jamaica)	20.0
John Bartram (Australia)	20.0
Bill Wood (Australia)	21.1
Jack Curtoia (Australia)	21.2
Morris Curtoia (Australia)	21.3
Leslie Laing (Jamaica)	21.4
L. C. Lewis (England)	21.5
Charlie Campbell (Australia)	21.6
John Bartram (Australia)	21.6
440 Yards	
Herb McKenley (Jamaica)	40.2
George Rhoden (Australia)	40.2
Arthur Wint (Jamaica)	40.2
Edwin Carr (Australia)	40.2
Schalk Booysse (S. Africa)	40.2
Don Pettit (Canada)	40.2
Don Haggle (Canada)	40.2
880 Yards	
Herb McKenley (Jamaica)	40.2
George Rhoden (Australia)	40.2
Arthur Wint (Jamaica)	40.2
Edwin Carr (Australia)	40.2
Schalk Booysse (S. Africa)	40.2
Don Pettit (Canada)	40.2
Don Haggle (Canada)	40.2
1 Mile	
Herb McKenley (Jamaica)	40.2
George Rhoden (Australia)	40.2
Arthur Wint (Jamaica)	40.2
Edwin Carr (Australia)	40.2
Schalk Booysse (S. Africa)	40.2
Don Pettit (Canada)	40.2
Don Haggle (Canada)	40.2
1.5 Mile	
Herb McKenley (Jamaica)	40.2
George Rhoden (Australia)	40.2
Arthur Wint (Jamaica)	40.2
Edwin Carr (Australia)	40.2
Schalk Booysse (S. Africa)	40.2
Don Pettit (Canada)	40.2
Don Haggle (Canada)	40.2
2 Mile	
Herb McKenley (Jamaica)	40.2
George Rhoden (Australia)	40.2
Arthur Wint (Jamaica)	40.2
Edwin Carr (Australia)	40.2
Schalk Booysse (S. Africa)	40.2
Don Pettit (Canada)	40.2
Don Haggle (Canada)	40.2
3 Mile	
Herb McKenley (Jamaica)	40.2
George Rhoden (Australia)	40.2
Arthur Wint (Jamaica)	40.2
Edwin Carr (Australia)	40.2
Schalk Booysse (S. Africa)	40.2
Don Pettit (Canada)	40.2
Don Haggle (Canada)	40.2
4 Mile	
Herb McKenley (Jamaica)	40.2
George Rhoden (Australia)	40.2
Arthur Wint (Jamaica)	40.2
Edwin Carr (Australia)	40.2
Schalk Booysse (S. Africa)	40.2
Don Pettit (Canada)	40.2
Don Haggle (Canada)	40.2
5 Mile	
Herb McKenley (Jamaica)	40.2
George Rhoden (Australia)	40.2
Arthur Wint (Jamaica)	40.2
Edwin Carr (Australia)	40.2
Schalk Booysse (S. Africa)	40.2
Don Pettit (Canada)	40.2
Don Haggle (Canada)	40.2
6 Mile	
Herb McKenley (Jamaica)	40.2
George Rhoden (Australia)	40.2
Arthur Wint (Jamaica)	40.2
Edwin Carr (Australia)	40.2
Schalk Booysse (S. Africa)	40.2
Don Pettit (Canada)	40.2
Don Haggle (Canada)	40.2
7 Mile	
Herb McKenley (Jamaica)	40.2
George Rhoden (Australia)	40.2
Arthur Wint (Jamaica)	40.2
Edwin Carr (Australia)	40.2
Schalk Booysse (S. Africa)	40.2
Don Pettit (Canada)	40.2
Don Haggle (Canada)	40.2
8 Mile	
Herb McKenley (Jamaica)	40.2
George Rhoden (Australia)	40.2
Arthur Wint (Jamaica)	40.2
Edwin Carr (Australia)	40.2
Schalk Booysse (S. Africa)	40.2
Don Pettit (Canada)	40.2
Don Haggle (Canada)	40.2
9 Mile	
Herb McKenley (Jamaica)	40.2
George Rhoden (Australia)	40.2
Arthur Wint (Jamaica)	40.2
Edwin Carr (Australia)	40.2
Schalk Booysse (S. Africa)	40.2
Don Pettit (Canada)	40.2
Don Haggle (Canada)	40.2
10 Mile	
Herb McKenley (Jamaica)	40.2
George Rhoden (Australia)	40.2
Arthur Wint (Jamaica)	40.2
Edwin Carr (Australia)	40.2
Schalk Booysse (S. Africa)	40.2
Don Pettit (Canada)	40.2
Don Haggle (Canada)	40.2

CZECH PRESS LASHES OUT AT WORLD CUP ORGANISATION

Prague, Dec. 19.—The Controlled Prague Press today accused the International Football Association of being more interested in profits than the quality of competition in preparing for the World Cup Soccer Championships in Brazil next year.

The criticism was made in Prague's only Monday newspaper, "Pondelnik."

To prove its contention, "Pondelnik" said the Executive Committee of the Football Association ruled that both Scotland and England would be invited to play in the championship in Brazil although both are in the same group in the elimination round and only one should be eligible to compete next year.

"This incorrect step," the paper added, "discriminated against those states which fought their way to the final group. In addition, France will also be invited to Brazil although she lost in her group. This is because their participation in the Championships will probably mean more financial success than the participation of India or Palestine for instance."

"There is no doubt that the French will get what they want and although their team was eliminated, they will get into the final group because financial success means more to the Brazilian organisers and the International Soccer Federation than the sporting quality."

France was recently defeated by a Yugoslav team in an elimination round. None of the other Eastern European "People's Democracies" are taking part—Associated Press.

Australian Tennis Players Criticised

Melbourne, Dec. 19.—Cliff Sproule, manager of the 1949 Australian Davis Cup team, criticised the conduct of the team in an official report to the Lawn Tennis Association tonight.

He said the team as a whole showed a lack of interest in official functions and particularly singled out E. H. Sidwell. He said Sidwell played in an exhibition match in England against his (Sproule's) wishes and failed to enter the United States Singles Championships as expected following the Davis Cup round.

Sproule said it appeared there had been a misunderstanding with the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia before the team left home and that this had marred the tour from the manager's point of view—Associated Press.

OUTCRY AGAINST DELAY IN WAR CRIMES TRIALS

Sydney, Dec. 19.—A United States threat to release 90 Japanese alleged war criminals because of Australia's delay in trying them caused an outcry here today for speedy action.

Newspapers headlined the news and commented on the delay in editorials. The public view echoes press reaction in demanding prompt trial and an early decision.

DON JAIME'S CLAIM TO THRONE

Paris, Dec. 19.—The Duchess of Segovia, wife of Don Jaime de Bourbon, who recently announced his intention of renewing his claims to the Spanish throne, will reveal tomorrow how she intends to "renounce" her marriage in order to further his cause.

A brief statement from Guido Orlando, describing himself as "Public Relations Counselor" of the Duke and Duchess, announced she would explain the circumstances which had led her to her decision at a press conference tomorrow afternoon.

Meanwhile, both the Duke and Duchess refused to answer any calls from reporters at their Paris Hotel.

The Duke of Segovia, Don Jaime de Bourbon, 41-year-old second son of the late King Alfonso XIII, told the Associated Press on December 6 that since the reasons for his withdrawal in favour of his younger brother, Don Juan, had disappeared with his recovery of the speech and hearing which had failed him throughout most of his life, he was considering legal action to reinstate his claims to the Spanish throne.

Generalissimo Francisco Franco, in the succession proclaimed Spain a kingdom, established that he himself would name as his successor a Spaniard of royal blood.

Spanish circles here think it possible that Don Jaime might later renounce his claims in favour of his eldest son, 13-year-old Don Alfonso, but that until he comes of age Don Jaime would want Franco to remain regent. — Associated Press.

VATICAN TURNS AWAY DEALERS

Vatican City, Dec. 19.—A metal statuette of Pope Pius XII which "imparts the Apostolic Benediction as fast as its internal mechanism can motivate the Pontifical arm" is among many souvenir gadgets which have failed to obtain the Vatican's blessing for the Holy Year.

With less than a week to go before the opening of the Holy Year, hundreds of enterprising dealers are being turned away daily without permission to hawk their wares on Vatican land arranged for the hundreds of thousands of pilgrims who will arrive throughout 1950.

Estimates are that if the Vatican approved all who requested permission to sell their wares in St Peter's Square there would be roughly one hawk to every pilgrim.

One firm offered to fire rockets which would explode in a shower of prayer leaflets over crowds of pilgrims.

Another group proposed to set up a fountain piped with Holy Water.

A tobacco merchant offered a brand of cigarettes which gives the scent of incense. — Reuters.

Aged 102, She Starts A Business

Vichy, France, Dec. 19.—Madame Simone Renaud, a widow, today set up business as a real estate agent, her first commercial adventure.

Mme Renaud is 102 years old. — United Press.

Nobel Prize Winner



Dr William F. Glaue (left) Canadian-born researcher in thermodynamics at the University of California, receives from Crown Prince Gustaf Adolf of Sweden the Nobel prize for scientific achievement in Stockholm. (AP Picture).

Tagore Song Is India's Anthem

New Delhi, Dec. 19.—Preparations are well under way for the formal inauguration of India's sovereign Democratic Republic Constitution on January 26.

The Indian capital is buzzing with activity, finalising arrangements for the bye-elections next month, the preparation of

MYRON TAYLOR TO RESIGN?

Vatican City Report

Vatican City, Dec. 19.—Unofficial circles close to the Vatican reported today that the United States Ambassador, Mr Myron Taylor, may shortly resign his post as President Truman's personal representative to the Holy See.

Mr Taylor has represented the United States at the Vatican since February, 1949, in a special capacity, dividing his time between Washington and Rome.

According to the reports America's representation at the Vatican will continue but will be left temporarily in the hands of a "special assistant" pending the establishment of regular representation.

It is believed here that some Vatican circles have long wished to see a permanent United States representation to the Holy See instead of the system of a personal Presidential envoy. Any eventual permanent representation would be a Legation and not an Embassy as only the Roman Catholic nations have Vatican Embassies. — Reuters.

Earthquake Kills 4 People

Punta Arenas, Dec. 19.—Reports from the region around the southern tip of South America said today that four persons were killed and damage estimated at \$600,000 was caused by violent earthquakes which shook the area on Saturday and Sunday.

In some coastal areas, low-lying land was flooded by extremely high tides. Earthquake experts said the tremors were the worst registered in southern America in 25 years. The combination of scant population and soft earth contributed to the comparatively small degree of destruction. — United Press.

America's 41,461 Polio Cases

New York, Dec. 19.—The United States has had 41,461 polio cases this year—the greatest number for one country in a single year of the world's history, according to Mr Basil O'Connor, President of the American National Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

He said yesterday that his fund was in its worst financial state ever and must next month raise \$50,000,000, twice the usual amount, in its annual "March Of Dimes" campaign. — Reuters.

Indonesia Bill Meets Opposition

The Hague, Dec. 19.—As the bill to transfer sovereignty to Indonesia entered its final stage before the Dutch First Chamber tonight, prominent former state officials petitioned the Chamber on the ground that the Government had given way to the Indonesians under "strong foreign pressure."

Presented by Dr Alexander Louren, waiting Dutch Ambassador to the United States, the petition asked the First Chamber to "instruct the Government to inform the Security Council and the United Nations Organisation that the Netherlands emphatically reject all responsibility for the consequences of forsaking the right of self-determination subsequent to foreign pressure."

The petition added that if serious events followed the transfer of sovereignty, the responsibility whatever shall be imputed to the Dutch people, nor shall what has happened ever be held against the Dutch as a precedent.

The Second Chamber has already passed the bill by 71 votes to 29, but the Government is facing a stiffer task in the higher Chamber as the opposition seems to have strengthened.

The First Chamber has already issued a memorandum protesting that the bill is unconstitutional and that Parliament was given no opportunity to amend it.

Four large mailbags containing over 250,000 letters petitioning the Government to recognise the claims of Ambon, Minahassa and Timor have been sent to the First Chamber, and many members have indicated that they are planning to take a firm stand against the bill.

It is believed, however, that the Government will succeed in obtaining the necessary two-thirds majority to pass the bill. — Reuters.

TROOPS TO TRAIN IN CANADA

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Troops of the North Atlantic treaty nations will be brought to Canada for specialised military training, it was authoritatively learned here today.

This was one of the decisions made at the meeting of the North Atlantic defence committee in Paris early this month. Informal sources said. The committee consisted of the Defence Ministers of the 12 nations that signed the Atlantic treaty.

The sources said the fact that Canada had two official languages—English and French—played a strong part in the decision that the Europeans should come here for training. English and French are also the official languages at Atlantic Pact organisations.

Sources said the plan did not involve thousands of troops crossing the Atlantic to turn Canada into a huge training camp. It was more a question of sending a small number of key soldiers and armoured units to attend special training courses in modern weapons and technique.

The Defence Minister, Brooke Claxton, who attended the Defence Committee meeting, said he had no statement to make at present on the discussions. — United Press.

Carried Diamonds In Her Corset

Dover, December 19.—Mrs Miriam Cohen, 24, was fined \$15,000 today for trying to smuggle a packet of diamonds to Belgium in her corset.

Her 75-year-old father-in-law was fined \$10,000 as an accomplice.

Customs officials said that 4,000.5 carats of industrial diamonds were found sewn into the pockets of Mrs Cohen's corset while she was awaiting beat to Ostend last month. The gems were valued at \$20,054. — Associated Press.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



NAZIS TO BE GRANTED PAROLE

Frankfurt, Dec. 19.—Five high German officials convicted in the Nuremberg war crimes trials are among 50 German war criminals to be freed this week on parole, the U.S. High Commissioner's Office announced tonight.

The Nuremberg convicts to be paroled are Ernest Wilhelm Bohle, Josef Altstoetter, Georg von Schnitzler, Emil Puhl and Karl Hollditt.

All were sentenced to five years' imprisonment by American war crimes courts trying the top German defendants in Nuremberg. They have been imprisoned since the summer of 1945, including their time awaiting trial.

The other 15 war criminals being freed were convicted by U.S. military courts in Dachau where concentration camp operators and killers of Allied war prisoners were tried. Their names have not yet been announced. — Associated Press.

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